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1953 — 1954

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Best wishes to the school & boys from

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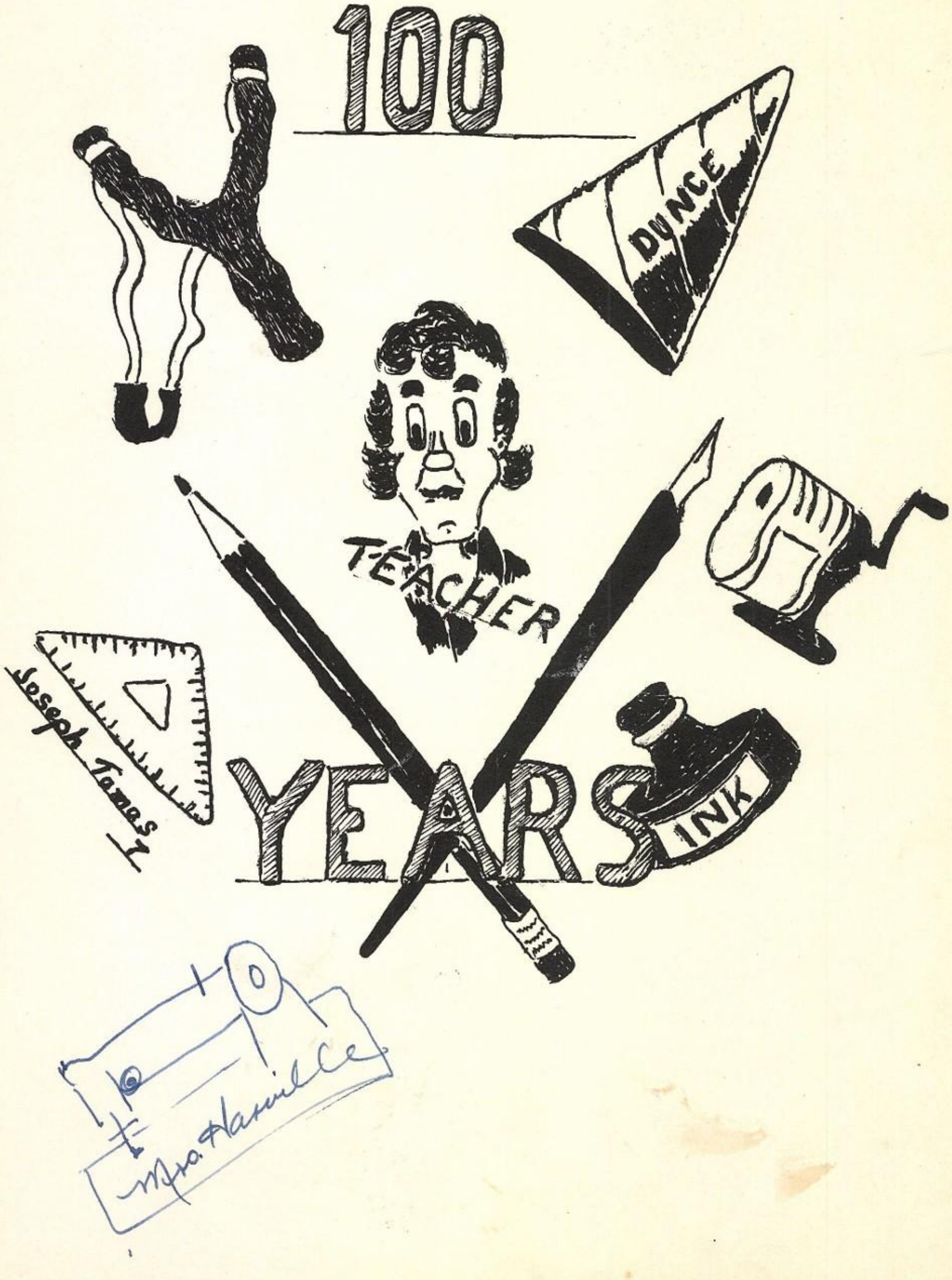

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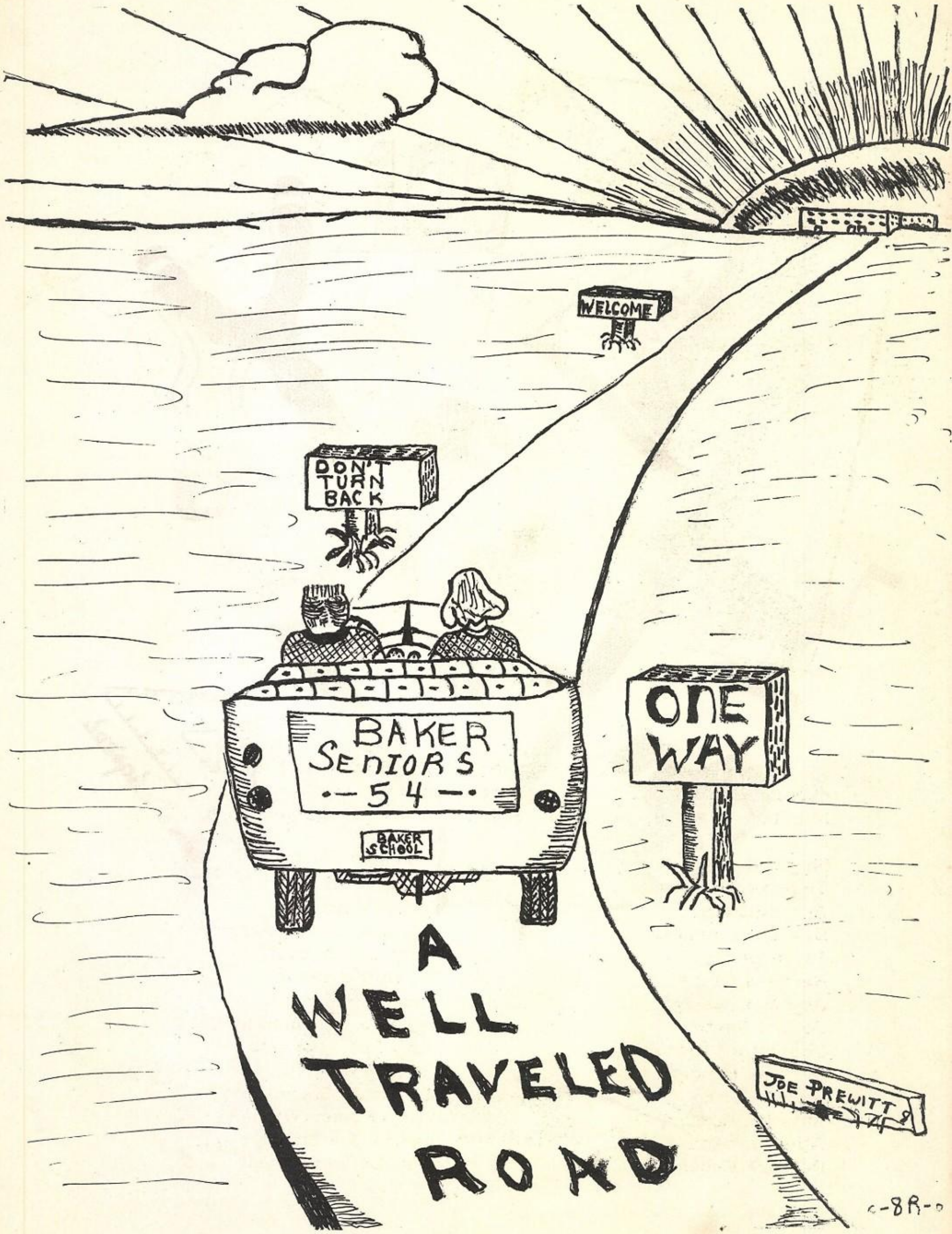
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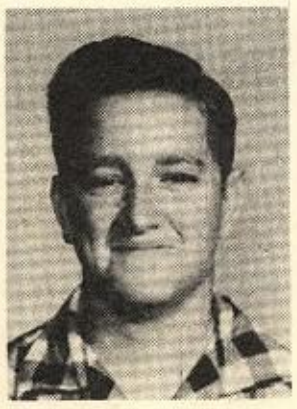

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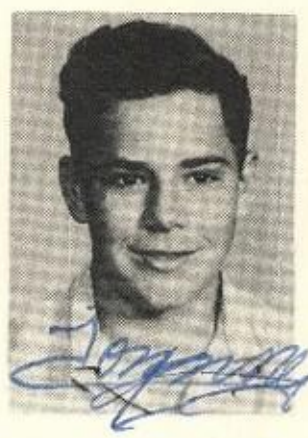

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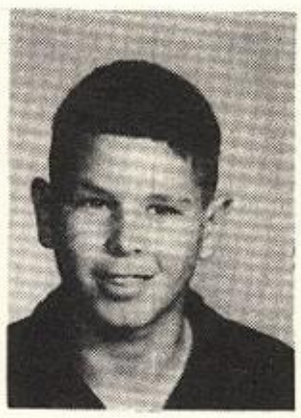

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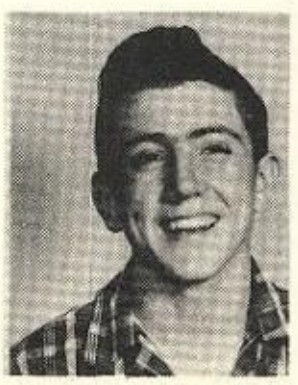

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8-1 Mr. McKenzie

Front Row: Michael Drousche, Gerald Brown, Howard Eads, David Biggerstaff, Bobby Boyd, Nita Barrington, Joyce Crites, Ganell Burke, Johnny Brown, Jimmy Davis.
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Third Row: Sandra Carney, Lillie Clopton, Charlotte Currier, Barbara Booker, Judy Berry, Jocelyn Berry, Birdie Burns, Mollie Barton.
Fourth Row: Jerrell Archie, Alfred Baker, Cha Charles Dodson, Walter Dollar, Lee Ray Basore, David Bryant, Rudolf Cain, Jerry Boyles, Charles Cantwell.

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Third Row: Nelma Fennimore, Venita Sue Gaddy, Dorothy Hall, Glenda Haskell, Janice Kohrs, Janice Kuhn, Sandy Hitchcock.
Fourth Row: Domingo Guzman, Walter Hadeler, Howard Hansen, Thomas Kunkel, Lillian Kunkel, Ailene Jenkins, Marna Herrin.

8-3 Mrs. Harville

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Second Row: Linda Jean Pate, Betty Lawhon, Pat Parr, Sarah Jane Powell, Helen Langford, Mary Metz, Mrs. Harville.
Third Row: Billy Linder, Claudette Patton, Carol Moore, Carolyn Morisey, Peggy Parrish, Betty Lewis, Virginia Owens, Del Martinez.
Fourth Row: Frank Nelson, Daryl Lamb, Ernest McCarver, Melvin Lohman, Joe McDougal, Mike McCutcheon.

Lucille Prado

8-4 Miss Cole

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Second Row: Jesse Woolsey, Willie Thurman, Joe Prewitt, Dee Dee Williams, Claryce Smith, Walter Wyman, Bob Young, Virgil Weiss, Harley Saathoff, Miss Gloria Cole.
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7-1 Mrs. Hart

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Second Row: Vera Carter, Lamar Anderson, Jimmy Brown, Jimmy Baker, Ray Blecher, Barbara Allman, Mrs. Hart.
Third Row: Patsy Biggerstaff, Brucie Cavett, Nina Jane Austin, Elaine Berg, Sally Bowmer, Lillie Faye Casey, Myrna Claypool.
Fourth Row: Raymond Burns, Bobby Allison, Bobby Barfield, Charley Brown, Jim Atchison, Ronnie Chapman, Gordon Canon.

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Third Row: Maureen Schnitz, Betty Rice, Delores Rummel, Lillian Ross, Sue Middleton, Kathryn Scheumack, Kemper Platt.
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Cheerleaders

Front Row: Barbara Grice, Nancy Dement, Nancy Ramm.
Second Row: Carol Wyckoff, Yvonne Platt.

Martha Smith not pictured.

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Fourth Row: Sandy Hitchcock, Patrica Mokry, Irene Wagner, Kathryn Giddens, Sylvia Craddock, Laneta Stefka, Betty Snowden, Janice Beckham, Betty Voigt, Mary Grice, Harriet Palmer, Janelle Cain, Janice Kuhn.

Football Team

Front Row: Curtiss Waggoner, Billy Linder, John Giles, Willie Thurman, David Kennedy, Gerald Mueller, Alvis Scroggins, Lee Jones, Richard Wolfe.
Second Row: Charles Brown, Al Shaffer, Walter Dollar, Ernest McCarver, Charles Dodson, Allan Rogers, Victor Mokry, Charles Cantwell, Walter Wyman.
Third Row: Mr. Hickerson, Jerry Marx, Don Renner, John Thompson, Roger Wilkinson, Jerry Scarbrough, Bill Hamilton, Don Fincher, Bob Hawley, Wayne Fickel, Wiley Wyman.

Basketball Team

Front Row: Mr. Hickerson, Don Renner, Delbert Moberg.
Second Row: Jerry Marx, David Melber, Don Fincher.
Third Row: Jimmy Kanetzky, Al Shaffer.
Fourth Row: Victor Mokry, Ernest McCarver, Roger Wilkinson, Sam Olguin, Clarence Pruitt.

Track Team

Front Row: Glen Noble, E. C. Mowdy, Delbert Moberg, Maurice Soderlund, Tommy Sherrill.
Second Row: Mr. Hickerson, Billy Linder, Danny Rogers, Ernest McCarver, Victor Mokry, Thomas Kunkle.
Third Row: Errol Schuyler, Jimmy Kanetzky, Don Fincher, Jerry Marx.
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Second Row: Craig Hickethier, Barbara Rush, Brucie Cavett, Nina Jane Austin, Cecille Stagner, Bill Foelsing, Lamar Anderson.
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Fourth Row: Dickey Kemp, Raymond Sherman, Jack Wagoner, Irving Cutter, Charles Cantwell, Sonny Sanders, James Atchison.

Ninth Grade Chorus

Front Row: Paula Casey, Barbara Brill, Jo Ann Neel, Roger Fleet, Gerald Heath, Charlotte White, Pauline Perry, Barbara Wilder, Patricia Tumey.
Second Row: Carol Wyckoff, LaWanda Thurman, Nancy Dement, Thomas Flowers, Norma King, Saundra Hoskins, Marilyn Peterson, Mr. Russell Sayers.
Third Row: Carolyn Foke, Flo Seekatz, Viress Doyle, Harriet Palmer, Kathryn Giddens, Sue Rodgers, Lynda Cox, Helen Hausman, Linda Kleinschmidt.
Fourth Row: Victor Mokry, Yvonne Platt, Alta Young, Jerry Scarbrough, Betty Voigt, Nancy Ramm, Joan Beard, Don Fincher.

Eighth Grade Chorus

Front Row: Marilyn Schmidt, Bonnie Cordell, Betty Fay Lawhon, Ina Fay Rippy, Peggy Huls, Mary Metz.
Second Row: Lavada Dockens, Beverly Daum, Frances Garcia, Libby Jones, Mr. Russell Sayers.
Third Row: Sandra Carney, Toni Conditt, Barbara Taylor, Carolyn Morisey, Patricia Foreman.

Student Council

Front Row: Helen Langford, Ina Faye Rippy, Marjorie McIntyre, Patsy Biggerstaff, Bill Foelsing, Joe Prewitt, Craig Hickethier, Bobby Boyd.
Second Row: Billy Linder, Don Tew, Sue King, Nancy Dement, Darlene Dailey, Alfred Baker, Carter Wilson, Mr. James Jeffrey.
Third Row: Carolyn Crider, Mary Sue Schwartz, Dennie Dement, Martha Smith, Claryce Smith, Scotty Montgomery, Betty Green.
Fourth Row: Thomas Flowers, Wayne Fickel, Roger Wilkinson, Jerry Scarbrough, Wiley Wyman, John Thompson, Walter Dollar.

Footlight Players

Front Row: Darlene Inmann, Becky Hatherly, Sue King, Ethel Kidder, Ann Cavett, Charlotte Griffith.
Second Row: Dicky Kemp, Arthur Chester, Johnny Sherrill, Barbara Grice, Miss Gloria Cole.
Third Row: Sandy Hitchcock, Avis McFarland, Dennie Dement, Wilma Anderson, Carol Wyckoff.
Fourth Row: Nancy Ramm, Irving Cutter, Laneta Stefka, Ann Baldwin, Wiley Wyman, Joyce Berry.

F. H. A. Chapter Officers

Front Row: Sandy Hitchcock, Treasurer; Nancy Dement, Vice-President; Sherry Bailey, President; Barbara Grice, Secretary.
Second Row: Mrs. Harville, Advisor; Carol Wyckoff, Song Leader; Martha Smith, Parliamentarian; Harriet Palmer, Historian; Charlotte Currier, Reporter; Sue King, Co-Reporter.

Safety Patrol

Front Row: Mike Edge, Terry Ericson, Edward Howk, Jerry Thurman, Darrel Farmer, Sonny Tribble.
Second Row: Gordon Meinscher, Oscar Nash, Arthur Baker, Billy Cartwright, Jimmy Kelly, Jackie Dungan, Mr. Doyle Hickerson.
Third Row: Harvey Oates, Jimmy Reynolds, Thomas Jordan, Charles Boswell, Johnny King, Richard White.
Fourth Row: Albert Rennison, Randy Baker, Leslie Shepherd, Jerry Baker, Lloyd Jordan, Tony Rennison.

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NANCY
DEMENT

WAYNE
FICKEL

EIGHTH GRADE

MARY SUE
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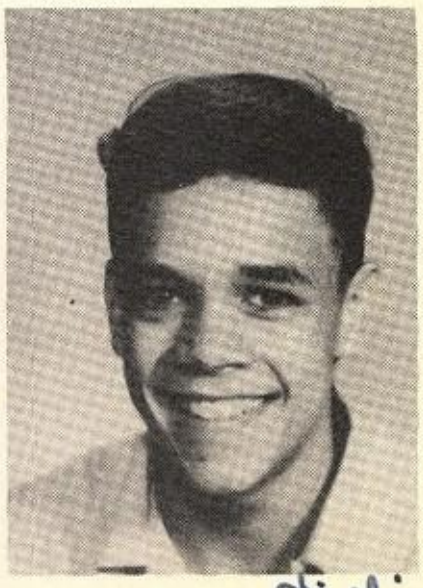
Love Love Mary Sue



WILLIE
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Willie Thurman

SEVENTH GRADE

VERA
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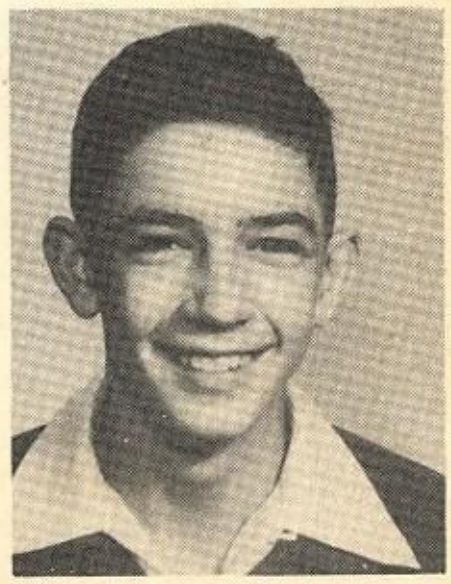

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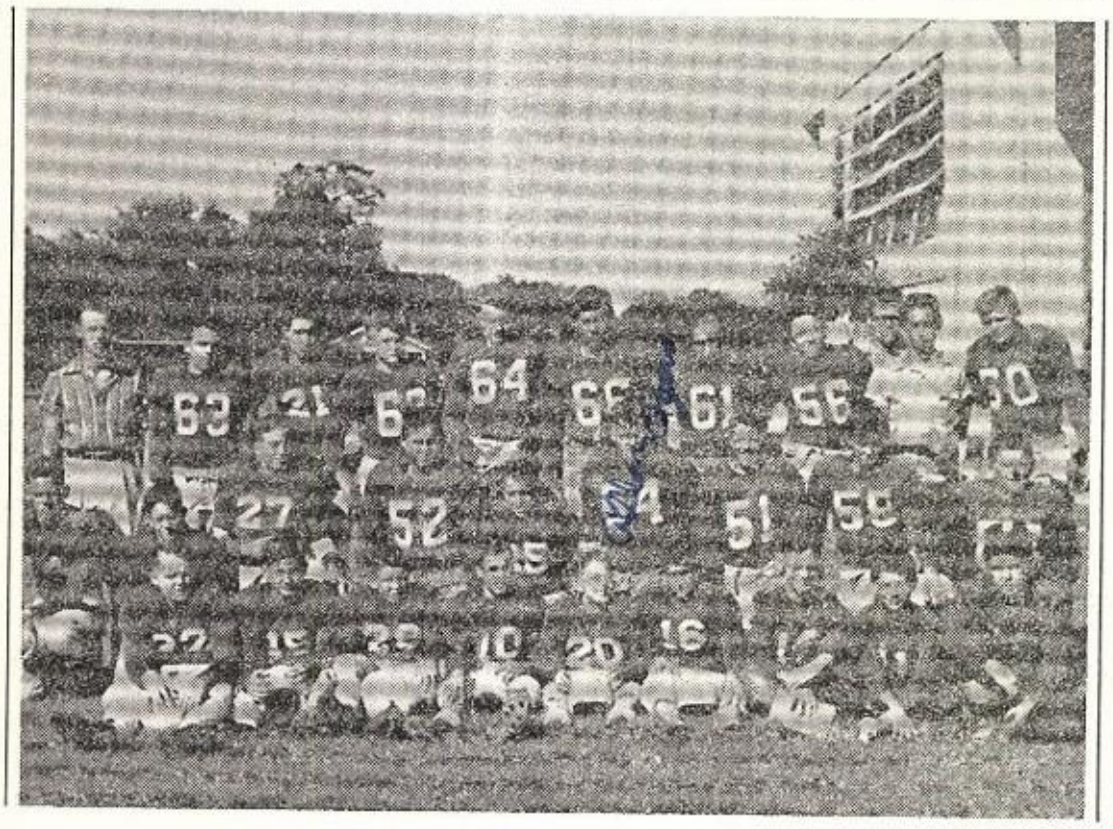

These are the Baker Buckaroos, coached by Mr. Doyle Hickerson. On pages 6 and 7 you will find your information.

By Carol Wyckoff

Ever since September 8, school activities have gotten into full swing. Football games have become popular along with drama, music, student council, F.H.A., and pep squad.

Homework has now become a daily routine and tests are becoming a little more difficult to pass than they were at first. Also staying in has kept most of us from at least one other activity.

Many more school activities will develop as the year goes on so look in the paper for the new activities and try to take part in them.

BAKER BUSTERS

By Yvonne Platt

This article was extremely hard to get any dirt for simply because all the teachers at Baker are clean and they don't leave any dirt lying around. But with my little shovel I managed to dig up some pretty good information.

First of all, one smart little character popped off when a teacher told her class to get out of their notebooks so they could have a test. He remarked that he was too large to get in it in the first place.

Another funny incident occurred when she told her class to buy at least a five cent notebook. The next day she asked her students if they all had their five cent notebooks. Everyone held up his hand except one boy. The teacher asked him where his five cent notebook was, and he told her that he had a ten cent notebook.

Student Council Elected

By Delbert Moberg

The student council elected their representatievs on September 29. Two representatives and two alternates were chosen from each social studies class. As the paper went to press the names had not been tallied because of the change of the social studies classes. The student council will elect their own officers. The student council put on the first seventh grade dance, which was well attended.

Vice Principal's Report

Mr. Cowan reports that Baker has many new students this year, and that he has enjoyed meeting them. Of course, our school enrollment has decreased by about 246 students, but we are off to a good start. Mr. Cowan is also well pleased with the student body and thinks we will accomplish much this year.

Let's try to keep it this way, throughout the year.

BJH Elects Cheerleaders

By Carol Wyckoff

Been going to the games? Noticed our cheerleaders? Most people would answer yes to both of those questions.

Now that we have started our football games and that old rivalry is here, let's get to know our Baker Cheerleaders. The six cheerleaders and five alternates were elected by the student body in September.

Although there were supposed to be only five cheerleaders chosen, two girls tied. It was decided that both girls become cheerleaders rather than call another election. This year's cheerleaders are Nancy Dement, Barbara Grice, Yvonne Platt, Nancy Ramm, Martha Smith and Carol Wyckoff.

The alternates are Patricia Foreman, Sandy Hitchcock, Janice Kuhn, Patsy Parr, and Dee Dee Williams.

Let's all get in that old school spirit and go to the games and pep rallies and support our team. This year we'll yell our lungs out and yell louder than any other junior high in Austin. Be a loyal Bakerite!!!

FOOTBALL HISTORY

By Jerry Scarbrough

Football was played long ago in England. There were about 150 men on each side and usually about 2 or 3 were killed in each game and up to 50 injured. The Mayflower brought football to America. It was played several years but it was banned by law because too many wives were left husbandless and two many children fatherless. Later when football rules were written, football came back to America and it is now a great American game.

OPERATION LUNCHROOM

By Thomas Flowers

When you eat in the lunchroom, do you realize the work that it takes to prepare your food?

It's surprising that six people can cook up enough food for 325 people. Did you know that it takes sixty to seventy pounds of meat, seventy-five to one hundred pounds of potatoes, fourteen loaves of bread, and fourteen cases of milk for one day.

That's a lot of work for these ladies, but we can help them by picking up paper and glasses.

Mrs. Bargeley would like to compliment you on how much you have all helped this year, so let's keep up the good work.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Baker is not entirely a junior high school but has an elementary section which is as important as we are. Let's find out what's happening in the future junior high student's classes.

The first grade under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas is off to a big start. Since this is the first year in school they are learning what to do when they get here.

Mrs. Meech's second graders were studying a unit on school. They drew a picture of themselves coming to school.

Miss Wilcox's third grade class are studying insects.

Miss Kavanaugh's fourth graders have been keeping graphic scales of the words that have been correctly spelled. It is interesting to see that each day the scales go higher.

Mrs. Hard's fifth grade class, in room S8, have been engaged in a clean-up and decorating campaign. They have colored designs on curtains and have hung them in the windows. For pets they have a little turtle and some guppies.

If you have gone into Miss Rummel's sixth grade classroom, you might have noticed their libary. They get their books from the Public Library. Miss Rummel and some of the children have also brought books from home. Their librarians are Jyme Mathews and Lawrence Meyers.

Oh yes! Have you noticed some new faces in the elementary faculty? If you have, they are probably Miss Rose Marie Beals and Mrs. Mary Cahill. They are both seniors majoring in elementary education.

WELCOME

W iley Wyman
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O h! Uno Who
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THE PEP SQUAD

By Lester Lang

The special rooting group for Baker has been organized by Mrs. Walden.

The girls that wanted to be in the pep squad were given an oath to sign and be signed by their parents. The oath has ten rules that all pep squad members must live up to. Also they must at least make a C in all classes.

There are 54 members, consisting of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades.

The rules are designed to keep the group together and ready to cheer at all times. To keep them together there is a rule that says they will not leave during the game for any reason. And to keep them ready, they must not eat or drink anything during the game. A rule designed for safety meaures, is that they will not get up to the rail at the stadium.

We have a good Pep Squad. Lets support them!

Volleyball Tournament

By Lawanda Thurman

The girls in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades have begun to play in volley ball tournaments.

Each P. E. class has organized a girls' volley ball team. These teams will play against each other in their P. E. classes. The four teams in each grade that wins will have a playoff against each other, after school in an intermural tournament.

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OUTSIDE PLEASE!

By Barbara Grice

How many times a day do you hear this? That's right! In the morning and after lunch!

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Put yourself in one of the teachers' place. If you were trying to get everything in order, and figure out the things you were going to have each class do, would you want people in the halls running, singing and playing chase?

Naturally you wouldn't. Well, the teachers don't either. So why don't we cooperate with them and stay out of the halls in the morning and after we finish lunch.

GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

By Jerry Scarbrough

Have you ever gone into the Baker auditorium between 3:45 and 4:30 on weekdays? If you have, you have seen the six Baker cheerleaders and the pep squad yelling their lungs out.

Why don't you give them all the support you can and go to the games and yell. It makes the game twice as exciting, and it really helps the boys on the playing field, take it from me!

So come on—let's all be behind our cheer leaders, pep squad, football team, and school 100%!

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The remainder of the class has worked as assistants and reporters.

SPIRIT OF '53

By Martha Sherrill

Ever since good ole Baker Junior High was started back in 1911 it has been noted for its wonderful school spirit. Our school spirit is just as much a tradition as the school itself. It has made us look for the best in everything through victories and defeats. It's always those Baker kids that yell the loudest at football and basketball games; who look the proudest when their school is mentioned; and who work the hardest to better their school and community.

This year is no exception. The team, the cheerleaders, the pep squad, the band, and the student body are all going out to make Baker School the best of all.

WELCOME

Baker is swamped with new faces this year, being mostly students. We are also glad to have the new faculty members. Most of our new students have come from U. J. H. and Ridgetop.

We are glad to have all of you and hope you feel as at home as you did where you came from. We hope you like our school, and feel the people are friendly. Let's make this a happy school year. We can do this with cooperation, kindness, and keeping smiling faces.

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BAKER ORIGIN

By Laneta Stefka

1953 minus 1911 leaves 42 years. If you could have been a kid around 1900, you would have played on Baker's present location, for it was the site of a park.

Have you ever wondered where the name Baker came from? At the time they needed a school so Baker was built. They decided to name Baker after the first superintendent of schools, Mr. D. W. C. Baker. Next time you say or yell "Baker" put something into it for it's your school. Be proud of it!

HATS OFF

By Lawanda Thurman and Sherry Bailey

If you have walked by the bulletin boards in front of the office you have probably noticed how they were fixed. The pictures are usually used for illustrating our devotionals. These illustrations are really beautiful and the whole school would like to extend their thanks to Miss Knudson and the Art Department for their work on this project.

We also wish to thank the students who have participated in the devotionals this year. We feel that everyone in Baker School has enjoyed and looks forward to the devotional each morning. The devotional enables us to start each day with a new thought for the future. We also wish to thank the teachers who have made a daily devotional program.

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IN THE PRESS BOX

By Martha Smith

How do you like this issue of the paper? The Journalism class sure would like to know. They can know too, if you will write us a short letter telling us what you have to say about the Baker Rocket. Yes, that's right, this year our press box will be sitting out in front of the main office for you, the students, to put in your criticism and suggestion for the paper. If you don't like something about your school paper or if you have a suggestion write us a short note and tell us so. We will publish as many letters as space permits from those we receive, right here in this space. You don't have to sign your name to your letters if you do not wish to, but do write and tell us what you think, after all this is your paper. By the way, we want letters not only about the paper, but also the school.

WE'VE BEEN NOTICED

By "Pepper" Baldwin

Baker started the school year off by being in the news. At the very beginning of school a write-up appeared in the Austin daily paper about our wonderful football team. There are a few returning lettermen. The write-up also mentioned the decrease in our enrollment, and the new coach.

The day following the election of the Baker cheerleaders, a small feature was printed which stated the names of all yell leaders. It also included the names of the alternates.

Perhaps by the time the next issue of the Rocket is published, Baker will have made the society page!

There's good eating ahead

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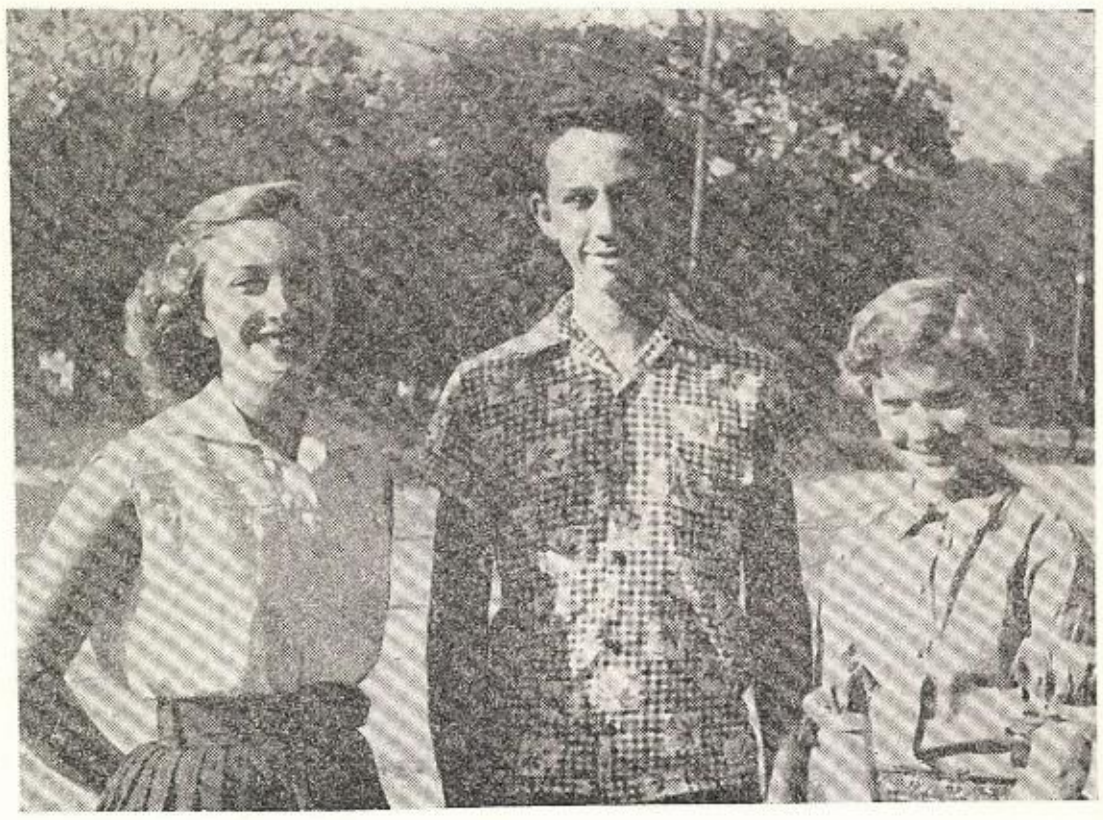

SOCIETY

One afternoon at 3:30 I was going by the boy's locker room when I ran into one of the boys on the football team. He is 5 feet 7 inches tall, has brown hair and eyes and of course he is none other than Wayne Fickel of the 9th grade. He was born in this city on November 10, 1939. We soon got to talking and I learned that his favorite sport (as if we didn't know) is football, he is one of the captains of the Buckaroos. His favorite teacher is Coach Hickerson. He said he also likes gym, the colors green and white, television, and Sandy Hitchcock tough luck girls). Besides his good looks, he has a very wonderful and rare personality, why not meet him and find out for yourself.

Our 8th grade personality for this month is brown eyed, brown haired, Claryce Smith. Born thirteen years ago in Taylor, Texas, this is her first year in Baker. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Childers and Miss Thigpen and favorite subjects being social studies and P. E. She likes to dance, listen to popular music, and collect hit parade books. As of yet she has no favorite among boys, but don't worry boys, she'll change her mind soon, if she hasn't already.

If you haven't met our 8th grade personality, do so. You'll be glad you did.

It was awfully quiet about three o'clock on the morning of May 26, 1941, but at 4:30 the whole town of Port Arthur, Texas, felt a shock.

NOTHING SERIOUS.

Luckily, it was nothing serious, at least not very serious: Glenda Rutledge, our 7th grade personality, was just delivered to the world.

Glenda lives at 5208 Duval with her parents, her younger brother, and her piano, which she enjoys playing very much. If you can't find this blondish brown haired, blue eyed girl at home listening to Bing Crosby or the song, "Vaya Con Dois", you may find her enjoying her favorite sports, riding horses and swimming.

Glenda is 5' tall and plans to be a school teacher when she is older. She also likes the colors; pink and blue; teacher; Mr. McLemore, and subject, speech.

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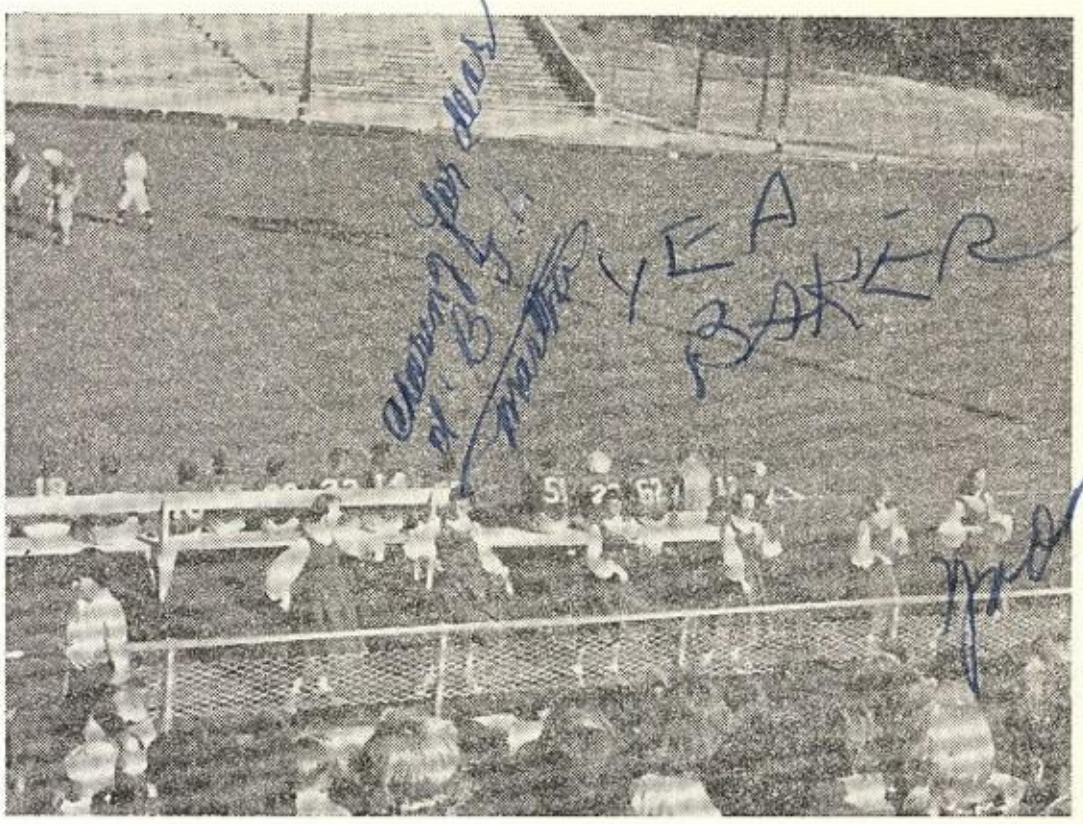
Girls Playday Went Off With a Bang

By Martha Smith

Saturday, October 17th., Playday for Austin's high school and junior high girls at the U. T. went off with a bang. Two hundred and fifty girls were eligible to participate in this event, having fifty girls each from these high schools: Stephen F. Austin, McCallum, and Travis. From Baker, U.J.H., Allan, and O'Henry Junior Highs twenty-five girls from each school could participate in this event. The purpose of this Playday was not only to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, but also for the girls to become more acquainted with girls from other schools. Playday began at 9:00 A.M. for these girls when they registered and organized the teams in which representatives from all schools were on each team. After this the activities began with group games, relays, and volleyball. After all the activity there was an inactive or rest period during which a demonstration of recreational skills was given by the University students and then a sing-song and the announcement of scores followed. To conclude the Playday a picnic was given.



Sports Highlight the News

By Gerry Heath and Delbert Moberg

Morton's Boy Shop will sponsor a 15 minute program announced by sports reporter, Glenn Brown. This program will be devoted to High School and Junior High School Football. It will be on the air every Wednesday nite at 7:30 on radio station KVET. There will be scores of the past weeks and interviews of a coach or a representative from one of the school teams.

Be sure and tune in for a good summary of the football games around Austin.

Showtime In Mrs. Conradt's Room

By Nancy Ramm

Did you ever wonder whether a movie was worth paying 70 cents to see? Well, there's one sure way of finding out. Just trip right up those stairs to T-4 and look on the bulletin board. There are the reviews of the recent movies up there. These reviews are made by widely known organizations who see the films and give them ratings. Try it sometime, it's a big help.

Baker's Football Schedule

By Gerry Heath

Date		Time
Sept. 30 Baker (D)	vs.	4:00 P.M. McCallum (F)
October 15 Allan (D)	vs.	4:00 P.M. Baker (F)
October 22 Baker (G)	vs.	4:30 P.M. O'Henry (C)
October 29 Baker (C)	vs.	4:30 P.M. U.J.H. (G)
November 5 Baker (D)	vs.	4:00 P. M. Travis (F)

All games for Baker are scheduled for House ark. The letter in parenthesis after team's name designates section the student body will sit in for that game.

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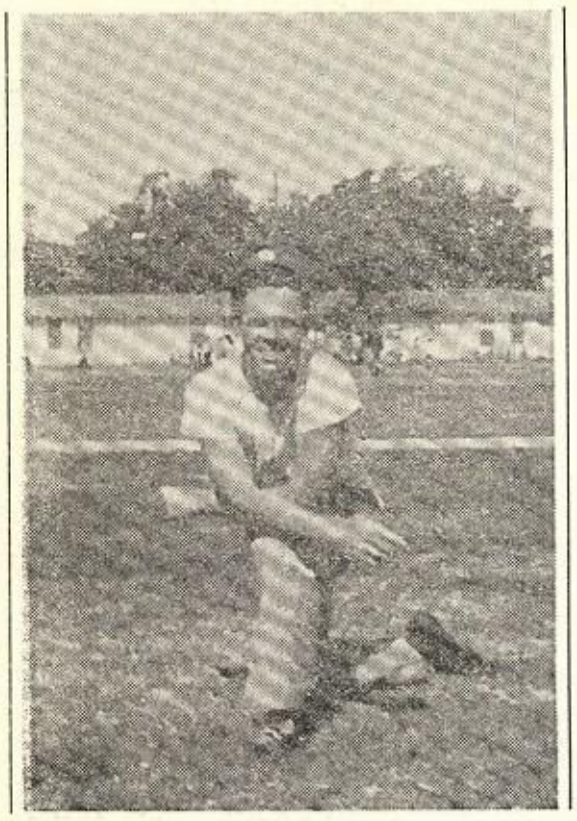

By Thomas Flowers

In a lucky city twenty-seven years ago a familiar face around Baker was born. The city was Texarkana, the familiar face was that of Mr. Doyle Hickerson, and the day was November 17.

Mr. Hickerson went for two years to Texarkana Junior College and two years to East Texas State Teachers' College. At East Texas State he played two years on the basketball team.

Our coach is a pretty swell guy to know. He is a Baptist and teaches a Sunday school class. Drop by and meet our coach and if you do I'm sure you will be quite impressed with him.

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FOOTBALL LINE-UP

By Delbert Moberg

10 Willie Thurman
14 Charley Brown
15 Billy Linder
16 Gerald Mueller
19 Al Shaffer
20 David Kennedy
21 Don Renner
25 Charles Dodson
27 Walter Dollar
28 John Giles
32 Curtiss Waggonner
51 Victor Mokry
52 Ernest McCarver
54 Allan Rogers
56 Don Fincher
58 Charles Cantwell
59 Wayne Fickel
60 Wiley Wiman
61 Bill Hamilton
62 John Thompson
63 Jerry Marx
64 Roger Wilkinson
65 Walter Wiman
66 Jerry Scarbrough

Something to Cheer About

By Joyce Berry

Ever since 1911 when Baker was dedicated, we have been especially proud of our school spirit. At every school gathering, you'll find Bakerites supporting our school. It is our school and we have made it what it is; a nice, clean, democratic school. Be proud of it and keep it that way.

One of the best ways is to let the public see our students together participating in various activities. Let them see us as a friendly and polite group because actions speak louder than words. Let us conduct ourselves in such a way that they will say "Gee, I like that school."

I hope to see Baker's new students at the next football game cheering madly or enjoying the next dance. I'd like to welcome all the new comers to our student body and hope they enjoy this school year. Please remember our school is something to cheer about!

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Baker Drops Opener, 28-0

By Delbert Moberg

The McCallum Scotties took advantage of fumbles and penalties to roll over the Baker Buckaroos. Early in the first quarter Sam Bowman plowed over to pay dirt for the Scotties first touchdown. The conversion was also good. Baker had the ball on their own two yard line when the Scotties caught a Baker man behind the goal to give them a safety, and led 9-0. As the half ended the McCallum eleven led 15-0. Playing good defensive were Wiley Wiman, Jerry Scarbrough, and Bill Hamilton. Baker could never move and the Scotties scored two more touchdowns and made one extra point before the gun sounded. Playing a good game were Roger Wilkinson, Jerry Marx, and Don Renner. Others helping out were Victor Mokry, Don Fincher, Walter Wiman and John Thompson.

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New Teachers Say Baker Is Wonderful

By Irving Cutter

Five new teachers have been admitted to Baker this year. They are Mrs. Mildred Baker, Miss Wilma Reichert, Miss Patsy Overton, Mr. Clinton Mathews, and Mr. Doyle Hickerson.

Miss Reichert, born in San Juan, Texas, has just moved to Austin. She graduated from A. and I. College in Kingsville. This is her first year of teaching and she said it is "fascinating work." She teaches the fourth grade.

Mrs. Baker, too, has just moved to Austin and has always wanted to live here. Her husband is a student in the university. She was born in Avery, Texas, and graduated from East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas. Before she moved to Austin she taught English in Farmersville High School and was librarian in an elementary school in Uvalde. She majored in social studies and English, and teaches social studies and language arts.

Mr. Mathews was born in Austin, and graduated from the University of Texas. This traveling teacher taught at seven different schools in one day. They were Brykerwoods, Rosedale, Brentwood, Ridgetop, Wooldridge, Govalle, and Zavala, the subject being sixth grade instrumental music. He now teaches Band I, II, and III, and mathematics.

Mr. Hickerson, our coach, was a junior high coach at a very large junior high in Texarkana for one month. He was born in Texarkana and was stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base for two years before he came to Baker. He said that we would have a lot of playing in the next football games.

Miss Overton, born in Austin, graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown. She taught the second grade in Thorndale high school, elementary combined and in an elementary school in Brownsville. This is her first year of teaching in an Austin school and Baker is the largest shool she has taught in. She says Baker is just fine.

F.H.A. HOLDS DANCE

By Charlotte Currier and Dee Dee Williams

As we walked into the gayly decorated gym of the dance given by the F. H. A., October 2nd, we saw green and white streamers and bright balloons everywhere.

A few of the people who made up the stag line were: Jerry Scarbrough, Roger Wilkinson, Don Fincher, Gene Mallard, Leroy Eastburn, Claryce Smith, Barbara Booker, Betty Green, and Virginia King.

The most exciting moment was the announcing of the F. H. A. chapter officer. Probably the most excited was Sherry Bailey who got the office of president.

The F. H. A. thanks you for your cooperation for not breaking any bottles or leaving any bottle tops on the floor.

OUR P.T.A. TALKS

By Liz Schwab

Our P.T.A. is just now organizing and getting things going.

The P. T. A. had their first meeting on October 13, at 7:30, on the back to school night. They haven't made any plans yet, but they have elected officers. They are as follows: President: Mrs. W. M. Johnston, Jr.; First Vice-President: Mrs. D. D. Hutchings; Second Vice-President: Mrs. Lloyd Meyers; Third Vice-President: Mrs. L. G. Dement; Fourth Vice-President: Mrs. Howard Scott; First Secretary: Mrs. Junson King; Second Secretary: Mrs. John Eastor; Treasurer: Mrs. J. W. Corb; Historian: Mrs. Paul Kennard.

We are grateful to all the women who take part in our P. T. A.—it means a lot to our school.

HOW ABOUT MORE ASSEMBLIES

By Bill Rice

Do you have an interesting play or skit you and your class would like to put on? If you do, we can certainly use you in an assembly. Almost every class has something that they can put on. If we get up enough assemblies we can have one every week, and we know you would like that. You enjoy watching them (we think) — why not put one on? Talk to your teachers and get one up. Let's have an assembly every week this year.

LOOKED IN YOUR DICTIONARY LATELY?

As we wandered down the halls, it was amazing how many different answers we got from the question, "What would you do if someone gave you a 'smack'." Here are a few from our intelligent Bakerites.

Judy Berry—"Is it contagious?"

Jimmy Finger—"It would be alright as long as it's Claryce Smith."

Patsy Wann—"I'd give it back."

Lamar Anderson—"It would be allright if it were the right girl."

Claryce Smith — "I'd grin and bear it."

Carol Wyckoff — "I'd be walking on cloud lucky seven."

Jerry Scarbrough — "It may be silly, but ain't it fun!"

A "smack" is silly, because it's just a Boat; not what you think it is.

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MATH

By Sherry Bailey

"Hurray! another touchdown." This sound can be heard quite often coming from Mr. Pine's eighth grade math class. Strange you say, well we must admit it is a little unusual, but it is really just the eighth grade playing football in a new way. You see the game is played in the usual way except instead of running or passing for yardage they work problems.

Let's see. It looks like the seventh grade math students are doing a little review work in fractions. The ninth grade general math classes are also doing fundamental review work. The algebra class seems to be discovering sign numbers.

Now we have the best news of all. Mr. Pine says that we are going to have a math club this year at Baker. The date has not been definitely set but Mr. Pine said that he hoped it would be organized by the end of the second six weeks. He also said that if enough eighth and ninth grade students were interested that they would have a different group from the seventh grade. We hope everyone will be interested and join.

Drama Starts in at Baker

By Martha Smith

Drama tryouts were held Monday and Tuesday, October the 5th and 6th in the auditorium. Thirty Bakerites were chosen out of the sixty who tried out. They were chosen because of their ability in giving a skit or other oral selection. The lucky actresses and actors are Nancy Ramm, Carol Wyckoff, Dennie Dement, Carolyn Crider, Virginia Wann, Joyce Berry, Alice Dawson, Margaret Laybourn, Ann Baldwin, Laneta Stefka, Barbara Grice, Ann Cavett, Sandy Hitchcock, Wilma Anderson, Becky Hatherly, Darline Inman, Sue King, Avis McFarland, Ethel Ann Kidder, Emily Ann Ford, Charlotte Griffith, Johnny Sherrill, Arthur Chester, Don Lee Tew, Glenn Noble, Dicky Kemp, Irving Cutter, Lee Jones, Wiley Wyman, and Craig Hickethier. Our speech teacher Miss Cole is supervisor of this club. Here's wishing them good luck on their plays which they will give throughout the year.

Homemaking Happenings

By Mary Sue Schwartz

The girls in Mrs. Harville's homemaking classes have been rather busy. The 7th grade classes have learned to take care of their fingernails and have been manicuring them.

The 8th grade are going to start their first lesson in sewing. A lady from Scarbroughs visited each 8th grade class and talked to them about material.

If you happen to be walking by the homemaking room and smell something delicious, you will know it's the 9th grade girls cooking. According to Mrs. Harville these girls cooked a very delicious, first luncheon.

F. H. A. Busy With Fall Activities

By Laneta Stefka

The F. H. A. in Baker has been pretty busy with the elections of chapter officers.

The newly elected officers elected by secret ballot were president — Sherry Bailey, vice-president—Nancy Dement, secretary—Barbara Grice, treasurer—Sandy Hitchcock, co-reporters—Sue King and Charlotte Currier, parliamentarian — Martha Smith, song leader—Carol Wyckoff and historian—Harriet Palmer. There were thirty-two girls who were nominees. May our F. H. A. officers have a successful year and the backing of the student body.

SAFETY PATROL

By Wiley Wiman

We have a very nice group of boys who compose our Safety Patrol. These boys will do their best so it is up to us to help them. The boys have gotten new caps and belts which look very nice. The captain, Walter Hadenlder said they would appreciate it, if we would help them, help the school by minding the Safety Patrol.

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DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS

by Barbara Grice

The officers of the Drama Club were elected Tuesday, October 13. They are as follows: President Laneta Stefka; Vice-President: Ann Cavet; Secretary: Nancy Ramm; Historian: Carol Wyckoff; Parliamentarian: Barbara Grice. They selected for their name "The Footlight Players."

Their first play is titled "The Fighting Littles." Tryouts for parts were as follows:

Mrs. Little ..... Laneta Stefka
Mr. Little..... Johnny Sherrill
Goody ..... Barbara Grice
Ham Ellers ..... Don Lee Tew
Filmer ..... Lee Jones
Antoinette ..... Emily Ford
Almatina ..... Darline Innman
Henriette ..... Nancy Ramm
Norman Peele ..... Irving Cutter
Cousin Oleta ..... Ann Baldwin
Mrs. Harpeddle ..... Carol Wyckoff
Dicky ..... Craig Hickethier
Miss Baloga ..... Charlotte Griffith
Cuckoo ..... Virginia Wann
Screwball ..... Becky Hatherly
Student Director..... Ann Cavet

The play is being presented on November 23 and 24.

Band Holds Elections

by Charlotte Currier and Ann Baldwin

What was that that hit me? It must have been the baton of one of our new majorettes! Charlotte Currier, Dennie Dement, Mary Sue Schwartz, and Dee Dee Williams were elected to be the Baker majorettes. They are planning to twirl in the parade down Congress Avenue on Band Day.

Surely they will lead our great Baker Band to even greater achievements.

by Charlotte Currier

One of the many things for which we can be thankful is Thanksgiving Day itself. When life begins to seem a little dull with its regular round of school and never-ending lessons, along comes Thanksgiving and gives us a holiday. We're thankful for vacation, but we're just as thankful for the chance to go to school again. The people who celebrated our first Thanksgiving Day would have been glad if they could have the opportunity to go to schools such as we have today.

The first Thanksgiving proclamation issued by a President was after the Revolutionary War, when President Washington appointed Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer. It was Lincoln, however, who finally established our Thanksgiving Day as a regular and permanent holiday. In 1864 he issued a proclamation appointing the last Thursday in November for a general day of thanksgiving. He planned to have the day observed thereafter as an annual holiday and most presidents since that time have followed his example.

On receiving the President's proclamation, the governors of the several states issued proclamations of their own, naming the same day, the last Thursday of November, which is the accepted day all over the United States.

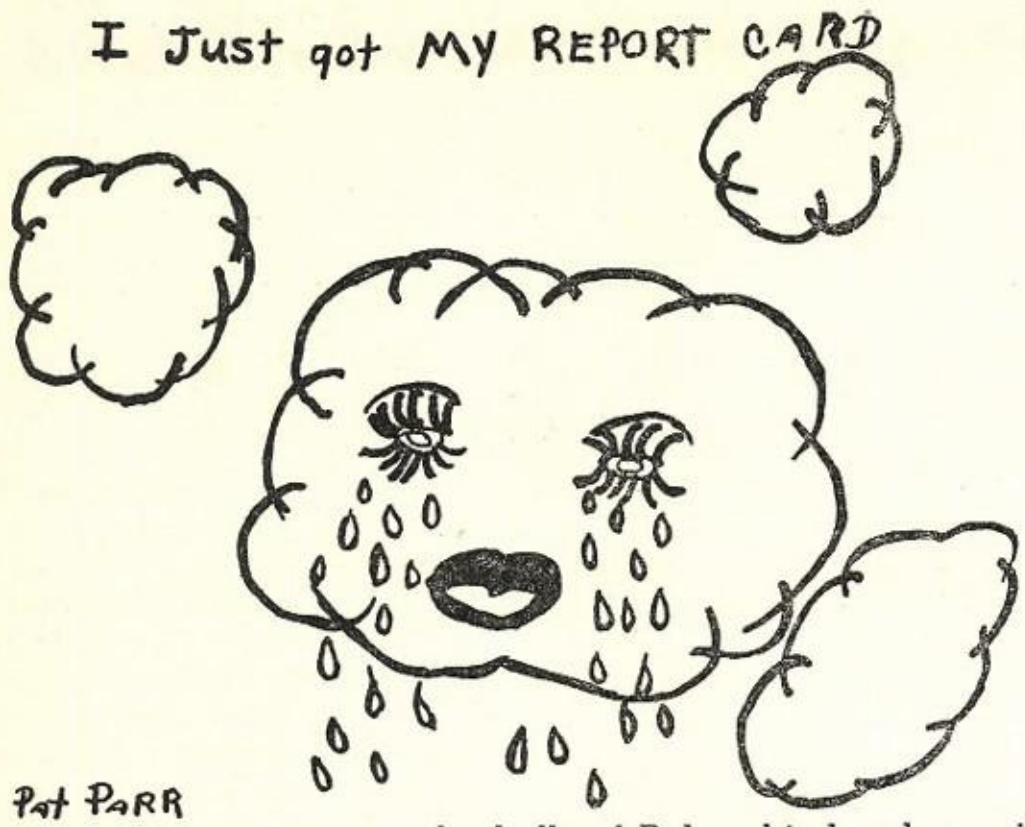
Almost all countries have had days of thanksgiving, even as far back as the times the Bible tells of, when the Children of Israel were in the land of the Canaanites. The ancient Greeks and Romans had festivals of harvest, and in England the "Harvest Home" is a day still celebrated in country districts.

Thanksgiving is a day of big family dinners and of festive entertainments, but back of all this feasting and hilarity is the reason why we keep a day like this. The name of the holiday explains the reason; — we keep this day for giving thanks.

Having an executive meeting are the Footlight Players' officers Left to right they are: Barbara Grice, Laneta Stefka, Ann Cavet Nancy Ramm and Carol Wyckoff

ART DEPARTMENT MAKES ASH-TRAYS FOR BANGUET

Miss Knudson's art department made ash-trays for the National Administrator's Banquet which was held at the Driskill Hotel at noon on October 30, 1953. The host was the superintendent of the Austin Public Schools, Mr. Irby Carruth. There were 40 superintendents from 22 states. They were from cities having populations of 100,000 - 200,000. Also attending the banquet were the School Board and the Commissioner of Education, Dr. J. W. Edgar.



This is a familiar scene in the halls of Baker; his head was in the clouds until he got his report cards.

F. H. A. TRIP

by Charlotte Currier

Did you hear someone saying, "Did I forget anything? Oh, I'm cold! I can't wait until we get started," or anything of that type? If you did that was the F. H. A. girls getting ready to start for Dallas.

The trip turned out to be sensational with the two wonderful bus drivers, Smitty and Dizzy, and our wonderful chaperones.

We did everything under the sun from making up yells to sleeping and from eating to riding the roller coaster.

THE CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

by Nancy Ramm and Dee Dee Williams

In the years past on Thanksgiving everyone in the family piled into the sleigh and drove off to Grandma's house for a day of feasting and fun and, most important, giving thanks to God. Now, most families still get together and eat and give thanks and have fun. Usually there is turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, giblet gravy, hot rolls with butter, pumpkin pies and all other kinds of things. Doesn't that sound good?

People celebrate Thanksgiving in other lands too. In Norway, when the harvest has been taken in for the year, they have a feast called Host Gilde.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated annually on the last Thursday of November in Canada.

When the harvest is taken in, the Scotch celebrate the Kern.

In Russia, the harvest festival was one of the most important in the whole year.

UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE

by Martha Jo Sherrill

Jerry Scarborough—with a crew cut.
Bonnie Platt—quiet and shy.
Dee Dee Williams—with a poodle.
Our cheerleaders—not hoarse after a game.
Algebra I—without Jerry Scarborough, Roger Wilkinson, and Carol Wyckoff.
Martha Smith—without those dimples.
David Kennedy—without his ninth-grade girl friends.
Vera Carter—without her friendly smile.
Lamar Anderson—being courteous to the cheerleaders.
Emily Ann Ford—looking bored.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING

by Arthur Chester

'Twas Thanksgiving eve, and all through the room,
The turkeys were chewing their toenails in gloom;
The axe was hung in the kitchen with care,
Lest it murder the turkeys ere morning was there.
The children were snuggled all safe in their beds,
While turkey and cranberries danced in their heads.
With Mama in bed, I was in the kitchen,
And just settled myself for a midnight snitchin'
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the ice box to see what was the matter.
To the window I ran, a fast-moving shape;
Tore open the shutters; (now they're fixed with Scotch tape.)
The moon on the city park's white snow
Was shining away at spooners below,
When what did my wondering eyes behold,
But a '54 Plymouth; it must've been stoled;
With a tough-looking driver, a gun at his side—
I knew in a flash it was sneak-thief McRide.
I got out my shotgun and gave him a leer—
McRide got no turkeys from my house this year!

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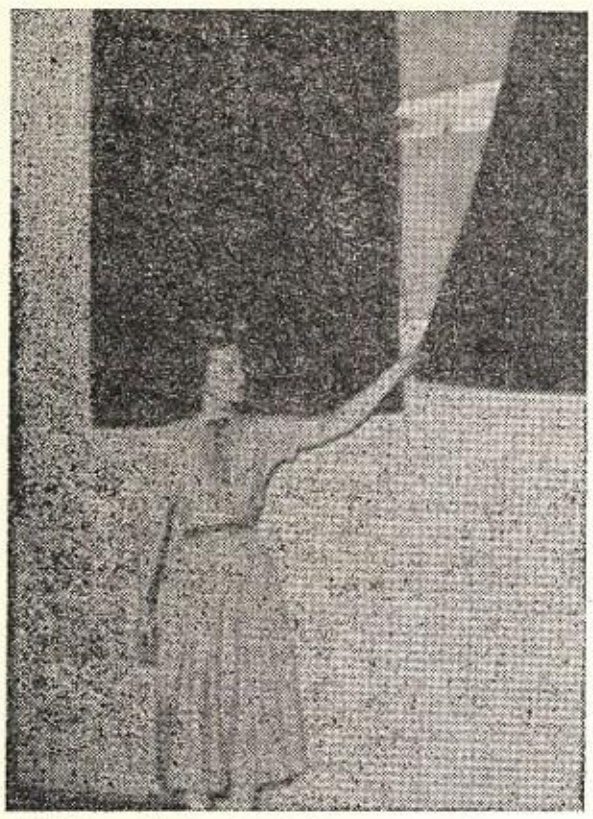

Miss Cole holds new curtains in auditorium.

Sixth Grade Happenings

by Roger Wilkinson

Telephone directory: Which one! What, you haven't heard about the telephone directory Miss Rummel's 6th grade class is making, well they have and it contains their names, addresses, and phone numbers. They also have an aquarium with two gold fish and some guppies. They have in a separate container a turtle which hasn't been named yet.

One of Miss Gough's sixth grade pupils was talking to another student and was telling him about their electrical shop. Their electrical shop consists of some telephone bells running on dry cell batteries.

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Mustangs Trim Baker 13-0

by Gerry Heath and Delbert Moberg

Fighting through rain and mud during the second half of play the Mustangs from O. Henry High School slipped past the Baker Buckaroos 13-0. In the first quarter the Mustangs blocked a Baker punt, and a few plays later John Fainter passed to Bobby Nunis for the score. Fainter then bulled over for the extra point.

During the third quarter the ball changed hands frequently, and finally in the last quarter the Mustangs rolled over for another tally to cinch the game. The try for extra point failed and the game ended the O. Henry Mustangs 13 and our Baker team 0. Starring for Baker were Bill Hamilton, Don Fincher, and Jimmy Kanetzky. Also playing the whole game on offense were John Giles and Victor Mokry. Helping to keep the score down were Ernest McCarver and Allan Rogers, but as a whole the Baker team was just not strong enough to hold the powerful Mustangs. In the other game U.J.H. cinched a tie for the championship by defeating the Travis Rebels 26 to 7.

STATISTICS

	Baker	O.Henry
Passes attempted	8	5
Passes completed	1	2
Passes intercepted	4	1
Yds. gained passing	15	24
Yds. gained rushing	59	48
Penalties	1	5
Yds. lost on penalties	5	35
Fumbles	2	2
First downs	3	4

Score by quarters:

Baker	0	0	0	0	0
O. Henry	7	0	0	6	13

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THE PURPOSE OF THANKSGIVING

by Barbara Grice

What is the purpose of Thanksgiving? No! Not to go and see the Texas-A. and M. game, but to be especially thankful to God for being so gracious to us.

With Indians as guests, seated about tables loaded with food, our Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first "Thanksgiving" in October 1621.

In 1864 President Lincoln set aside the fourth Thursday in November to be nationally known as "Thanksgiving Day." So when Thanksgiving comes around, stop awhile and thank God for being so good to us.

Back Up Our School Activities

by Charlotte Currier

Say kids, what's wrong? Have you forgotten our school activities such as dances, football games, pep rallies, band, the football team, and F.H.A. It's hightime we back these up. Find out what's going on behind the clubs and activities. Help plan the school dances and attend them. Go to our football games and help cheer our team on to VICTORY. Let's back up our school activities.

THE LONG STRETCH

by Martha Jo Sherrill

The hunter slowly stalks his prey. He draws a bead, takes careful aim—twanng! A bullseye as another rubber band hits its mark.

Yessir, the more they practise the "better?" they get around here. But, alas, of a sudden the rubber bands are banned. Yo wanna know the whys and wherefores. O.K. Here they are.

How do you think it feels to be sitting in class concentrating ver hard on nothing in particular, when you are suddenly hit from behind with a rubber band. Pleasant? Not at all. As a matter of fact, it just plain hurts and someone might get an eye put out.

Chances are you'll live over the world-shaking loss of this little article so cheer up and look ahead to brighter days when rubber bands go out of fashion.

Personalities

"Hmmm, who is that?" came from a huddle of boys in the hall one day. "It's Martha Smith," someone replied.

Martha is our ninth grade favorite for this month. She is 5'5" tall, weighs 118 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. Longview, Texas, is where she was born on December 13, 1938.

She has gone to Baker for three years, and hasn't taken interest in any certain boy this year. Hop to it, boys—now is your chance. Her telephone number is 5-0628, and by the way, talking on the telephone is her hobby. Martha's ambition is to be an army nurse (Boys, you can enlist now.) Besides taking an interest in cheerleading, she likes swimming very much and the song, "Blue Moon." If you haven't met our ninth grade favorite, be sure you do!

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Wow! Have you ever seen a 5'2½", brown haired, blue eyed doll walking down the hall? You have. It's Willie Thurman, who was born in Austin, Texas, on January 8, 1940, and has lived in Austin all his 13 years. He has gone to Baker 7 years. (He skipped the fourth grade, that brilliant boy!) He has two sisters and a brother who attend Baker, too. Some of his favorites are hill-billy music, reading, Mexican food, gym, Mr. Hickerson, green, red, football, and some lucky girl in the seventh grade. Willie played right half on the football team this season, and weighs 103 lbs. Football is okay for now but for the future Willie wants to be a doctor.

This month's personalities are Willie Thurman, Martha Smith, and Donnie Tew.

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Have you ever seen a tall dark boy walking happily along the hall and wondered who he was? It happens to be our 7th grade personality this month, Donny Tew.

Donny was born January 3, in Austin, Texas, and is 12 years old. He went to Ridgetop last year, and for his first year at Baker he likes it very much. To let you know more about his good looks, he is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 118 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes., It's too bad for you girls because it looks like Donny has already taken an interest in a certain someone named Emily Ann Ford. With Donny's winning smile and personality, he is the boy we are all watching to go far.

In 1948 Federal Expenditures were $984 per family.

BOOK WEEK

by Thomas Flowers

Book week is going to be a big affair for the librarians this year. They are going to have a fair, where they display books of their own choice. After this, they are going to have dinner together.

You students can have a good time during book week too. There are dozens of good books to read, among which are: The Texas Rangers, Between Planets, Pirates, Atoms At Work, and above all the Bible, which is a library within itself.

Have you ever thought of books as windows? They are windows through which we look at the world.

Incidentally, the theme for book week is "Reading is Fun."

FADS N' FASHIONS

by Martha Smith

Click, click, click! What's that noise? You guessed it. Some boy is walking down Baker's halls with his ever popular taps on the bottom of his shoes. It seems to be quite a fad around Baker these days for the boys to wear taps or black suede shoes. As for the girls they would rather have a middy blouse any day. It seems all the girls think these blouses are just darling. It also is quite a fad around Baker for a girl to let you know if she's available to date. If she has a boy's jacket or a chain and ring around her neck, Scram. . . . If not, now's your chance.

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U.J.H. NIPS SPIRITED BUCKAROOS

by Delbert Moberg and Gerry Heath

The U.J.H. Eagles cinched a championship title by defeating the Baker team 25 to 21 and ended a defeatless season. Sparked by Mike Cotton, Lonnie Reed, and Charles Weiss the Eagles romped to a 25-0 halftime score. But a pep talk by Coach Hickerson sent the Baker team into the second half with fighting spirit. Bill Hamilton on a handoff from Waye Fickel scampered 62 yards for a touchdown but was called back because of an infraction of the rule. But on the next play Fickel again called for Hamilton who once again went sixty-two yards for a T.D. Bill then went over for the extra point. A few minutes later Hamilton ran up the middle for 30 yards and a touchdown. Don Fincher made the extra point and the score stood U.J.H. 25 and Baker 14. Another fumble which was recovered by Victor Mokry set up another tally. Hamilton on a delayed buck through the center scored his third T.D. Jimmy Kanetzky went over for the extra point. The Eagles took possession with about 3 minutes left and racked up a couple of first downs to run out the clock. Outstanding players for Baker included Don Renner, Ernest McCarver, Allen Rogers, Jerry Marx, Jerry Scarborough, Wiley Wyman, and John Thompson. We could name a whole load of players, but instead we will say the whole Baker squad played grand and we wish them better luck next time.

STATISTICS

	Baker	U.J.H.
Yards Rushing	97	253
Yards Passing	0	34
Passes Attempted	4	2
Passes Completed	0	1
Passes Intercepted	0	0
Fumbles	2	3
First Downs	7	8
Penalties	4	8
Yds. Lost on Penalties	20	105
Number of Punts	3	1

Dad: Son, I'm spanking you because I love you.

Son: Dad, I wish I were big enough to return your love.

ALLAN EDGES BAKER 7-0

by Gerry Heath and Delbert Moberg

The Allan Bulldogs scored midway during the third quarter to slip past the Baker eleven in a rough, tough, and hard fought game until the sound of the whistle ending the game. Jesse Hernandez sparked the Bulldogs on offense with a beautfiul bit of trick running and pitchout plays. Jimmy Martinez on a handoff from quarterback Hernandez went over for the only score of the game. Hernandez passed to Martinez for the extra point. Baker's Don Fincher, took a handoff from quarterback Roger Wilkinson to out run the Allan defense for 30 yards for one of the outstanding plays of the game. Jerry Marx got Baker out of a driving attack by the Bulldogs by intercepting a Hernandez pass and running it back 25 yards to give Baker possession of the ball. Jerry Scarborough, Bill Hamilton, and the Wiman brothers were very outstanding during the game. Don Renner, John Thompson and Ernest McCarver also were in there most of the game. In the other game McCallum Scotties defeated the Travis Rebels 19-7.

STATISTICS

	Baker	Allan
Passes attempted	5	4
Passes completed	0	1
Passes intercepted	1	1
No. of penalties	7	5
Yds. lost on penalties	40	45
Number of punts	3	3
Av. yds. per punt	17.1	28.7
First downs	5	6
Yds. gained rushing	109	113
Yds. gained passing	0	11

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
U.J.H.	5	0
McCallum	4	1
O. Henry	2	3
Allan	2	3
Travis	2	3
Baker	0	5

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Dear Football Team:

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Yours truly,
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Tomorrow Never Comes

by Roger Wilkinson

Do you often say, "I'll do it tomorrow"? But do you ever realize that you keep on putting something off so long that the day never comes that you will do it.

Sometimes your mother helps you remember when tomorrow comes, but when you have to remember yourself to do something tomorrow you are apt to forget to do it.

If you keep on saying, "I'll do it tomorrow," please stop and realize that in some instances tomorrow never comes.

Boost the Baker Buttons

by Grice and Wyman

Does Baker's patriotism stop with the football season? No. You should be patriotic the year around, and wear a green and white Baker button. You may think that twenty-five cents is an awful lot to pay for one of those buttons, but just think—you get the Baker Rocket free. As you know, it takes money to print a paper, and selling the buttons is one of our ways of getting it.

*WORRIED GENTLEMEN, TAKE HEED

by Martha Jo Sherrill

Men, do you have trouble getting dates; does the girl you love shun you; then use Emily Post's all-purpose guaranteed manners. Seriously, there are several things you should remember when trying to avert a girl's eyes from the tall, dark, and handsome football hero.

A man should always be introduced to a lady; a single woman to one who is married; a young woman or man to an older person; however, the lady is introduced to the man in the instance of a duke, a bishop, or some other big shot—this does not however include big-league baseball players, movie-stars, or head-waiters. "How do you do," is the most widely accepted phrase. (Oh well, who needs to be introduced anyway?)

One other thing, you gentlemen should not offer a limp fish of a hand when introduced; to the other extreme, if you wish to demonstrate your tremendous strength, bring along an iron bar and bend it double before shaking hands to prove that you could break the girl's arm if you wanted to, but you are just too gentlemanly to do it.

*When dreaming up articles for this paper we always try to maintain an air of professional dignity about the whole thing (I don't know what professional dignity means, but it sure looks good in print). Perhaps we haven't done this article justice, but as they say in the higher circles, "We urged our minds towards the better things that touch the limit of one's talents," or, in plain English, "We did our darndest."

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Christmas Means So Many Things

Mrs. Hart's Class Entertains

A Thanksgiving play was given by Mrs. Hart's class for Mrs. Baker's class on Wednesday, November 25. Soda pop was distributed afterwards for both seventh grade language arts classes. The play was named, "The First Thanksgiving," and it was about a family coming to America for the first time.

Playing parts in the play were Patricia Mokry, Jerry Polk, Paul Ramsey, Barbara Hamilton, Gene Mallard, Elaine Schmidt, Sue Hamilton, Bobby Barefield, Nancy Tumey, Joe Tamas, Lorene Swenson, and Patsy Fleet. Patsy was absent and her place was taken by Lillie Faye Casey. The announcer was Sammy Cordell and the Narrator was Wilbert Johnson.

Refreshments were served by Leon Hanson, Jimmy Baker, Sue Hamack, Ben Vasquez, and Lillie Faye Casey.

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Art Department Helps Baker Develop Christmas Look

The Art Department went all out to help Baker get that "Christmasy" look. Under the competant direction of Miss Knudson, each grade undertook its own project. The 7th grade decorated the lunch room and drew Christmas pictures for their advisory rooms. The 8th grade made that beautiful stained glass window in the Auditorium. Both of the 9th grade classes had projects of their own. One 9th grade made the mural on the devotional bulletin board and the other went even farther into division by dividing into two groups (boys and girls) to make and decorate the hanging metal tree in the front hall.

Looking at picture of Christ held by Bruce Cavet are Mary Edna Hallmark, Sarah Scott and Richard White.

OUR SAFETY PATROL

Have you noticed what a really good job our safety patrol is doing? Have you realized that rain or shine they are always out on the corners ready to help you cross the street? Accidents are prevented, dangerous crossings are made safe and many other helpful things are done by the boys on our safety patrol every day.

Remember to give these boys your complete cooperation when they are helping you across the street and I'm sure you and your saefty patrol will get along much better.

A Doctor in Our Midst

Miss Gough, one of our sixth grade teachers, is about to receive her Ph. D. November 24, she took her foreign language exam and passed with flying colors. She had to read a book in German and tell them what it said. All she has to do now is finish the rest of her exams and research papers. Just think before long we will have a Doctor among us.

'Twas the night before Chirstmas
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung
By the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
Soon would be there.

This portion of the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas" exemplifies one of the many ways Americans celebrate Christmas today. On Christmas morning we wake up early to see what Santa Claus has left us. In this way we exchange gifts. The splendor of the tree is so beautiful it takes our breath away. We have breakfast and go to the church of our choice. After church we have a big Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Aren't our lives filled with blessings?

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BURNED OR RIPPED?

The Baker homemaking classes are now in full swing. The ninth grade is concentrating on breads. They are planning a Christmas party with their candy and baked cookies. The classes will send some of the cookies and candies to the veterans around Austin.

The eighth grades are sewing for the first time and they expect to put on a style show. They are going to have a party not only for the class but for their families also.

Last but not least is the seventh grade, who has just wound up heredity and background of human beings. They were also learning the correct diet and cleanliness of the human body. These seventh grades are beginning cooking and are concentrating on snakes.

The F. H. A. observed their F.H.A. week from November 1 to the 7th. They had the devotionals and the assembly for that week.

Mr. L. R. Benson presents science awards to Arthur Chester.

The Editor Speaks

When I was paging through the "Rolling Stone" I came across an article entitled "Gossip Never Dies, But Papers Fade Away." This well explains the need for all papers to cut out the ever threatening gossip. This year our Rocket is trying to do just that.

This year I would like to say congratulations to Arthur Chester on behalf of the student body for his accomplishments.

I'd like to say thanks to all of you teachers and students who have taken your time to present our morning devotionals which were greatly appreciated.

Let us make this new year a good year and be all out Bakerites. Baker is what we make it.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

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Lost, Strayed or Stolen: One Junior High Class

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What can be the matter? Why, there's no one in there, no one, that is except the teacher who is beyond trying to reason anything.

Ah, there comes Ann Cavett, Dennie and Nancy Dement, Carol Wyckoff, and Cecille Stagner, down the hall singing "Jingle Bells." Fifteen minutes late and no excuse! They thought they'd get away with it but they learned the errors of their ways when the distraught teacher yelled, "Four hours after school." You know, I just don't think it was worth it.

Bakerite Receives Award

It was way last spring that Arthur Chester began work on a paper to sumit in a national contest put on by the Society of Metals. His paper was on a mathematical problem and he received help from Mr. Pine.

Arthur submitted his paper in Many of 1953 and on November 17, 1953 the awards were given to him. He took first place in his age group. Mr. Benson, of the University of Texas, made the presentations of a certificate, a $50 government bond and a membership pin in FRuture Scientists of America to Arthur and to the school he presented a plaque for the trophy case.

Why Teachers Are Gray

The speed limit on the open highway in Texas is 60 mph. but in Baker the students seem to think the hall speed limit is 120. Maybe that wouldn't be so bad, but around here they don't even give hand signals.

The teachers try to slow them down but if they dare to step in front of a speeding pedestrian, they become hit and run victims almost at once.

The teachers could probaby even put up with this situation if these katz would park during class, but no, when they aren't speeding they're making enough noise to wake the dead (and I do mean dead).

Seriously, you might find that teachers aren't such bad eggs if you'll help them by quieting down and slowing down.

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STUDENT COUNCIL HAS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of the student council officers was held October 28, 1953. The officers are as follows: Wiley Wyman as president, Jerry Scarbough as vice-pesident, and Martha Smith as secretary.

The first student council meeting of the school term met November 11, 1953, at the beginning of second period in the auditorium. Wiley Wyman, president, presided. First he appointed representatives to serve on six committees for the betterment of the school. These committees are: the bicycle committee, lunchroom committee, bottle committee, paper committee, wall committee, and hall committee. Wiley appointed a chairman for each committed and four or more representatives. The chairman of these committees are: Bicycle—Wayne Fickel; Lunchroom—Patsy Biggerstaff; Wall—Ina Faye Rippy; Bottle — Helen Langford; Paper — Dennie Dement; Hall — Scotty Montgomery. These committees have certain duties to carry out such as seeing that all coke bottles are kept in the little gym, and things of that sort, depending on the committee.

SPORTS

Do you know the meaning for sports? Well, I bet you don't. The definition is: a general term applied to both indoor and outdoor games requiring physical or mental skill, usually of a competitive nature. There are about seventy-five popular games of sports. Quite a wide variety I would say. A person ought to have a skill in some sport, even if it is skating or swimming.

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Student Council officers Jerry Scarborough, vice-president, Martha Smith, secretary, and Wiley Wyman, president, compare ideas for the betterment of Baker.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Let's look in on the elementary classes. Miss Rummel's sixth grade, is hard at work on an elementary newspaper, "THE BAKER BANNER." They are also writing poems and short stories. Mrs. Hord's fifth graders are enjoying the pretty desks they have. They are studying a unit about the early settlers of America and the first thirteen colonies. The fourth graders in Miss Kavanaugh's room are writing poems. "FAIRIES AND THE MOON" which was written by Judith Cook, is a very interesting sample.

Miss Reichart's fourth grade students made a book tree for the bulletin board. A student who reads a certain number gets a leaf. Each pupil continues until he has read fifteen books.

Some second grade students are telling what they want Santa to bring them. Clifton Baccus just wants guns, a model T, tinker toys, and a stocking filled with whatever good things Santa has in his pack. Alfred Starewich must plan to be a cowboy; he wants cowboy boots and a hat. Better write Santa a letter, Alfred, to make sure he knows what kind you want. Kay LaGrone wants Santa to bring her a cowboy suit, hat, and boots, a stocking and some dolls — and guess what — three tubes of lipstick. I hope Santa remembers all that. Don't you?

Who Are Our Wallflowers?

What do you boys come to a dance for—to stand around and grow tall? Well, if this is your reason, you do o pretty good job of it. Believe me, that's not what the girls come for. We come to have fun and dance.

At the last dance I walked in the door, expecting to see the big gym crowded with people dancing but that wasn't the case at all. Oh! It was crowded all right, that is, the space around the wall was crowded.

If you boys don't get hep with the times we'll end up with no dances at all! So at the next dance don't you boys be wallflowers. Let's see you boys out and dance like Gayle Parr, Don Fincher.

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa:

My name is Little Tommy and I live on Dreamland Street. I just thought I'd drop a letter so you would know just what to bring.

Now Daddy wants a shirt. And maybe could you bring a tie? Mommy wants a nightgown, one with frills and little bow ties. And sister Suzie wants a dress, like those in picture magazines. And brother Bill wants a suit to wear when he takes out sweet Irene. And now it comes to me, Santa, I don't want much at all. Just a teensie-weensie puppy, one that I can call my own.

I guess that's all I got to say, 'cause I got to go to bed. Please remember Little Tommy and everything that I've said.

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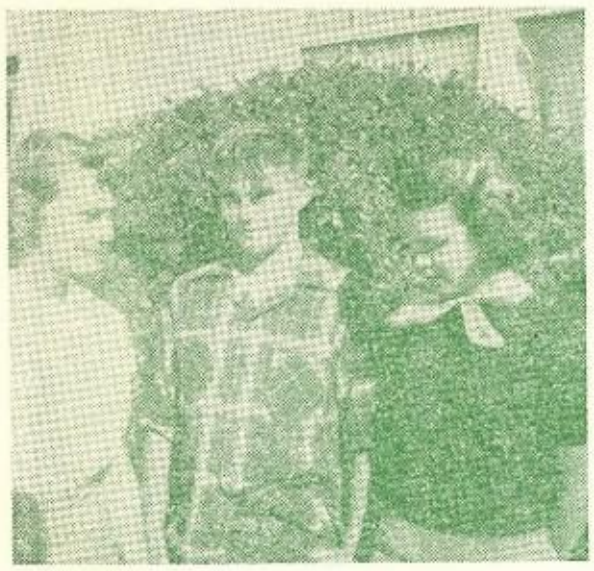

Personalities for this month are: 8th grade, Mary Sue Schwartz, 9th grade, John Thompson, and 7th grade, Darlene Daily.

On January 14, 1939, a very wonderful thing happened to Texas; John Thompson, our 9th grade personality for this month, came into the world.

He's that cute 5' 6" blonde with blue eyes. Nancy Dement tops his list as favorites with his others being: hobby, watching T. V.; sport, football; song, "Me Without You"; singer, Slim Whitman; subject, social studies, and naturally his favorite teacher is Mrs. Hart. John's ambition for the future is to be a football coach and his favorite colors are green and white. It seems that he is quite loyal to those colors for he was captain of the football team this season. He also takes an active part in the student council and the Boy Scouts.

John seems to have a natural born way with people and my advice is to meet him real soon, if you haven't already.

One gay afternoon, about thirty minutes after school was out, in San Saba, Texas, March 6, 1940, our 8th grade personality was born. Of course you know who this pleasant girl is. She weighs 108 lbs., is 5' 3" tall, has blond hair, and blue eyes. This describes none othe than Mary Sue Schwartz.

Mary Sue is in quite a list of activities. Among them are F.H.A. of which she is unit president, a student council representative, a majorette, and she is on the Rocket staff.

Her favorite pasttime is dancing, while her favorite song is "Ebb Tide" and her favorite color, brown. You could probably find her at times at a hamburger stand eating her favorite food, which is hamburgers, of course.

Boys, her telephone number is 5-0164, but you'll have big competition since her boyfriend is Don Renner.

This month we are throwing our 7th grade personality spotlight on a cute 7th grade girl.

Darlene Dailey is a little brown haired, hazel eyed girl and is 5' 2" tall. Her favorite colors are pink and blue and Mr. McLemore is her favorite teacher. Tops on her song list is "Vaya Con Dias" and she has a hobby of collecting small cups and saucers.

Darlene was born in Round Rock in 1941. Before coming to Baker she went to Rosedale. When asked who her boyfriend was, she replied, "I don't have one at the present." So boys here's your chance, her phone number is 53-0720, in case you are interested.

If you see her walking around the halls, stop and talk to her. You'll be glad you did, for she's a wonderful person.

New Year's Resolutions

John Thompson—not to make any more new year resolutions.

John Sherrill—not to play hooky any more.

Carol Moore—to get a boy friend and keep him.

Donnie Tew—not to talk so much.

Nancy Ramm—not to be bashful.

Sandy Hitchcock—to be 16 and never been kissed.

Wayne Fickel—to break Sandy's resolution.

Wiley Wyman—to be a good boy, to love everybody and to do what everybody says.

Raymond Hatton—not to declare holidays (to avoid hours after school).

All I Want for Christmas—

Gee Whiz! Poor Santa Claus! A lot of Bakerites are expecting just loads of presents. To most of us it is interesting to know what others are wishing for on Christmas.

The question, "What do you want for Christmas?" was asked to several Baker students.

E. C. Mowdy—will settle for a 5' tall, blue eyed and brown haired girl weighing 102 lbs. with a figure like a coke bottle.

Arthur Chester — proclaimed, "The A+ in Algebra that I should have been able to earn." (Gee, I would be satisfied if I made a B Plus, wouldn't you?)

Ella Dean Franks—"Me, I don't know." (I bet she has a list ten feet long.)

Lamarr Anderson — "A girl." (M'm I wonder who.)

Sarah Joan Powell—would love to have black hair.

Don Renner—A tomato soup colored Cadillac.

Delbert Moberg—is planning to play golf after Santa arrives because he wants golf shoes and everything it takes to play golf. (Delbert, old man, it usually takes "two" people for a good game.)

Richard Flores—wants his two front teeth. (Brilliant boy, isn't he.)

Mr. Childers—would like very much to own a Cadillac.

Craig Haydon—Not asking for much, wants a million dollars. Didn't you know Craig, that money is the root of all evil and we certainly don't want you to become evil.

Shirley Rowland — wants the doggie in the window.

Benny Miller—wants three cases of dog food, a dog chain and a dog collar. Hey Benny, have you by a chance got a dog?

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Interviewing Movie Actor, Zachery Scott, are Baker reporters, Dee Dee Williams, Avis McFarland and Yvonne Plattel (not pictured).

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'Acting is Great Fun,' Says Movie Actor Zachery Scott

"For anyone who intends to be an actor or actress it takes hard work, but it's great fun." This statement was made by movie actor, Zachery Scott in a recent interview by Baker reporters. We all know that this great actor resides at 3700 Winsor Road when visiting in Austin. This house that his parents now live in is one hundred years old and overlooks Lake Austin.

Mr. Scott was born and reared in this city and while attending Austin High School, he played in the Red Dragons. He got his start in acting in 1933 in England. Recently, he finished his 33rd picture, "Appointment in Honduras."

This 6'1" actor weighs 170 pounds and says his favorite hobbies are deep sea fishing and horseback riding. He is married to actress Ruth Ford.

The city of Austin is quite proud to have had such an interesting person and actor raised in its midst.

ALL I WANT—

(continued from page 4)

Cecille Stagner and Harriet Palmer — will settle for a boyfriend. (Are there any eligible?)

Kathy Giddens—will take Tommy Flowers all wrapped up in red ribbon.

Roger Wilkinson—Well, here it is in his own words, "I want to be going steady with a girl by Christmas, so I can take her to the Christmas dance." (Smart boy.)

Joyce Berry—replied, "Get your pen ready." Indeed I got my pencil ready and almost used almost all the lead up. Just look at this list! "A radio, portable at that, a hope chest, a new formal, a jewelry box, and oodles of clothes.

Gerald H e a t h — announced, "Oh, dear! I really don't know. Clothes, I guess." (Sounds like some of these girls.)

Victor Mokry—wants a school jacket. (Hmmm . . . I wonder who he'll give it to?)

Now do you agree with us? Santa Claus will sure be loaded this Christmas, won't he?

SMILE AWHILE— ....

Does this person look familiar? Although you may not think so, you probably see it roaming around the halls of Baker every day.

Baby face has accomplished an important place in the ninth grade. It has pleasant features, as well as the ability to resist crying in class. It's eyes and hair match, and although it doesn't look like it in the pictures, it has teeth, too.

Some of its favorites are Dragnet and Mexican food. Its hobby is collecting stamps and if hungry it will resort to cooking.

Can you guess who it is? Turn your guess into the press box in front of the office today. Don't forget to sign your name. The name of this well-known baby (although quite older now) will appear in the next issue, so guess who it is.

MOE AND JOE

Joe: If the Pilgrims came over on the Mayflower and the midgets came over on the shrimp boats, how did the doctors get over?

Moe: I don't know.

Joe: Blood vessels.

What did one casket say to the other casket?

Ans.—Is that you coffin?

A boy's father asked him what he was going to be when he got out of school.

"Old," he replied.

—Nelta Welch

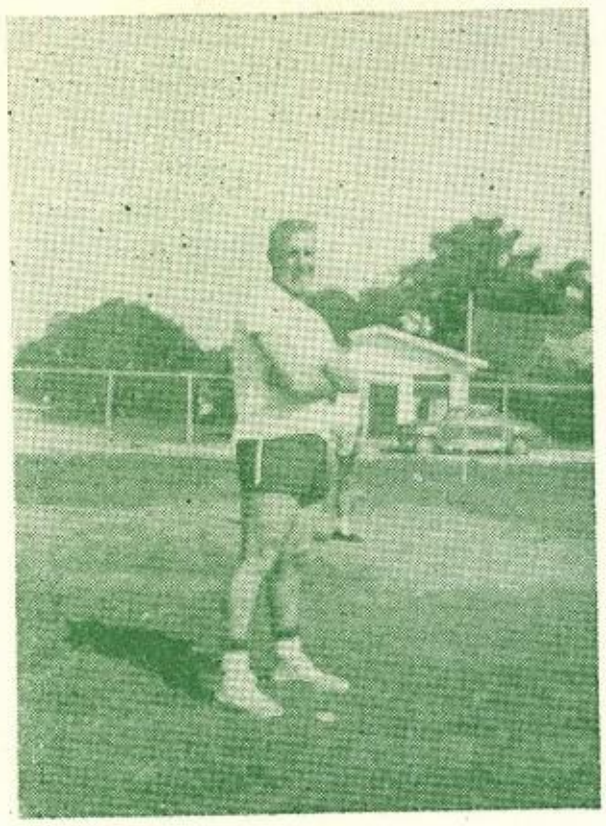
BOYS' P. E. NEWS

Necum—volley tennis—and volleyball. That is what the boys' gym classes from the third grade up have been playing. Perhaps you didn't know it, but these are all names for nearly the same sport. Necum is played by the third and fourth grades, and it is like volleyball except for the fact that you catch the ball. In volley tennis, played in the fifth and sixth grades, the ball bounces once and you hit it back. And, of course, in seventh, eighth, and ninth grade volleyball the ball is hit back before it hits the floor.

To start off the second semester will be track, and finally baseball at the end of the school year.

BASKETBALL QUIZ

1. When was the game basketball originated?
2. The game was originated by Doug Sholls. True or False.
3. The width of a junior high court is 50 feet. True or False.
4. The basketball hoop is —— inches in diameter.
5. The ball is from 30 to 32 inches in circumference. True or False.



"SANDY"

Do you know who "Sandy" is? His name is really Melburn Arnold Sanderson. He was born in Houston, Texas, on August 8, 1930, and is 23 years old.

He played football and baseball at Lamar High School in Houston for three years. He made all State fullback playing football in 1948 and Lamar High School's baseball team (the team that Sandy was on) were the all district Champions in 1948. He now is on the University of Texas baseball team; he plays in the outfield and on third base.

He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. You can tell that he likes Baker a lot by reading what he told me. He said, "I love my work at Baker and think it's a fine school with fine athletes and a great school spirit and pride."

He thinks that Coach Hickerson is a wonderful man to be an assistant and a student teacher for.

TUMBLING

The girls in junior high have been tumbling the past six weeks. They gave an exhibition for the P. T. A. during their tumbling unit as well as for assembly. Each class chose a pyramid from their class which was presented.

Girls from each class also gave individual stunts and couple stunts. Those participating in the individual and couple stunts were: Virginia Erickson, June Burke, Brucie Cavett, Cecille Stagner, Avis McFarland, Helen Herrin, Sue King, Dee Dee Williams, Ina Faye Rippy, Virginia King, Patsy Biggerstaff, Charlotte Griffith, Sandy Hitchcok, Dora Flores, Ethel Kidder, Wilma Williamson, Patsy Wilder, Karen Yoho, and Montrue Hewitt.

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Have you wondered just why people buy TB Christmas seals, and what the money goes for? I think I have the answer to your question. As you know tuberculosis is a very terrible disease which strikes and kills many people between the ages of 15 and 35. The money received from these seals is used to buy hospital beds for many people, and finances cooperation in the tax-supported State Health Department surveys. So please buy your share of seals this year, because you can never tell when TB will strike you.

Holiday Schedule

Our Christmas holidays this year are generous. The School Board gave us two weeks for Christmas, December 18 through January 4.

Then back to school we go until April 16-19, which is our Easter holiday.

In June we get out for three months for the Fourth of July.

BOOK WEEK ENDS

A program was given for the elementary grades Friday, Nov. 18. The first period 9th grade English class presented scenes from literature to emphasize Book Week. A panel of elementary students guessed the stories from which the scenes were taken. Two sixth graders, Anson Holley and Montrue Hewitt, and two fifth graders, Judy Voight and Janet Burg, served on the panel. Jo Ann Neel, Irene Wagner, Paula Casey, and Charlotte White presented a scene from "Cinderella." Dennie Dement, Janelle Cain, E. C. Mowdy, Anna Ruth Beam, and Joan Beard gave part of "A Christmas Carol." "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was presented by E. C. Mowdy, Roger Campbell, Wilson Jensen, and Jimmy Kanetzky. Margaret McKeehan, Joy Meyers, Henry Hodges, and Clarence Pruitt presented "A Retrieved Reformation." "Wizard of Oz" was presented by Cecille Stagner, Flo Seekatz, Sue Rodgers, Betty Middleton, E. C. Mowdy, and Henry Hodges. Sarah Beth Cavett from the first grade, Ann Cavett, and Henry Hodges gave a scene from "Alice in Wonderland." Betty Voight was mistress of ceremonies.

PAWNS, KINGS, ROOKS HEAD CLUB

Mr. Dale McLemore has organized a chess club in Baker. The meetings are at 3:30 in F7 on Wednesdays. The purpose of this club is to teach people who didn't know how, to play chess and to teach those, who know how to play, more about the game. The club is open only to boys.

If you are interested in chess you can stop by on a Wednesday afternoon and see about joining. The present members are: Dicky Kemp, Jesse Freeman, Earl Dean, Lamar Anderson, Richard Starwich, Anthony Petrick, Dicky Bellotte, Leroy Eastburn, Irving Cutter, and Arthur Chester.

Have you ever thought chess was a slow game? Sometimes it is. But a game can be won in the minimum of two moves on each side. Chess is usually thought of as a quiet game, but the anxiety - prone Argentine Chess Champion Miguel Najdorf acts as if it were physical torture. Perspiring and twitching, wringing his hands, frantically rumpling his hair, he leaps up from his chair after every move. But he's a chess champion!

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BAKER FALLS BEFORE TRAVIS

The Baker Buckaroos wound up their season by losing to Travis 13-0. Sparked by Connor, the Rebels took the lead in the second quarter by a 20 yard gallop by Connor and kept that lead for the rest of the game. The extra point failed and the score remained 6-0. Baker was held and had to punt and as the Rebels began play the half ended.

Travis tried an offside kickoff which worked and they recovered the ball on the Baker forty-seven yard line. Later in the third quarter Connor went around right end for eleven yards for the tally. On the extra point Travis was penalized back to the seven yard line, but Connor still made it over for the extra point. The score stood 13-0 in favor of Travis. Baker was on the move with about two minutes left and was stopped not by the Travis eleven but by the end of the game. Outstanding for Baker were Jimmy Kanetzky, Don Fincher, Roger Wilkinson, Charles Dodson, and Bill Hamilton. Others were Victor Mokry, Ernest McCarver, Jerry Scarbrough, and Don Renner.

STATISTICS

Baker		Travis
98	Yds. Rushing	171
50	Yds. Passing	0
148	Total Yds. Gained	171
8	Passes Attempted	0
4	Passes Completed	0
0	Passes Intercepted	0
4	Fumbles	3
2	Fumbles Lost	2
10	First Downs	5
7	Penalties	3
55	Yds. Lost on Punts	35
4	Punts	5

JUNIOR HIGH ALL-CITY TEAM CHOSEN

The Junior High All-City team was chosen and out of the 44 positions U.J.H. captured 13. They got eleven out of 22 first string positions. O. Henry and McCallum tide for second, each placing eleven. From our school only two were chosen. They were Wiley Wyman, first team defensive guard and Jerry Scarbrough, second team defensive tackle. Coaches who voted were Mr. Jim Tolbert of U. J. H., Mr. Buddy Weise of O. Henry, Mr. Frank Rundell of McCallum, Mr. Joe Harris of Allan, Mr. Dutch Schroeder of Travis, and Mr. Doyle Hickerson of our own school.

The first team of defense and offense are as follows:

OFFENSE

Ligon, U. J. H.	E
Garner, U. J. H.	T
Harvey, Travis	G
Hammer, McCallum	C
Driskell, O. Henry	G
Cook, U. J. H.	T
Luna, O. Henry	E
Fainter, O. Henry	Q.B.
Cotton, U. J. H.	H.B.
Peterson, McCallum	H.B.
Weiss, U. J. H.	F.B.

DEFENCE

Ligon, U. J. H.	E
Garner, U. J. H.	T
Wyman, Baker	G
Weir, U. J. H.	G
Ward, O. Henry	T
Luna, O. Henry	E
Weiss, U. J. H.	L.B.
Cotton, U. J. H.	L.B.
J. Martinez, Allan	H.B.
Reed, U. J. H.	H.B.
Bowman, McCallum	S

Daffynition: Grass—green stuff that wilts on the lawn and grows all over the garden.

Basketball Begins

Basketball begins with a boom this year. The boys have been practicing ever since November 15. Those kids are basketball fiends.

When they first started out they worked on drills, but have been scrimmaging for quite a while.

If you've watched them scrimmage, you know that they are good. But go to the games and you'll really see how good they are. And remember, the more kids that support them the better they play.

Answers to Basketball Quiz

1. The game was originated in 1891.

2.False. It was originated by James A. Naismith.

3. False. The width is 42 feet.

4. The hoop is 18 inches in diameter.

5. True.

Hats off to those who have given our devotionals the past semester.

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BABY 1954 HAS ARRIVED

U.T. Student Tells About Turkey

Basdug Qunger, working for his master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Texas, talked to two of Miss Cole's classes in December. He is from Turkey and is attending the university for one year under the student exchange plan.

The main topic of discussion during the interview was the people of his country. When asked about the apparel of the people of Turkey he said that they no longer wear the old costumes usually pictured by Americans (except in some far eastern parts). In the way of education, he stated that the people of his country and those of most European countries usually speak several languages, including English, the latter mainly because of the American tourists that come to Europe. Mr. Qunger himself speaks Greek, Turkish, English, a little French, and some Arabic. (He said that he found English to be the easiest to learn of all the languages). The people are also very interested in politics, at home and abroad, and consider the diplomatic relations with the United States very important. One other most interesting thing that he mentioned was that, although television has not yet reached Turkey, it has radio, up-to-date telephone systems and the cars are mostly recent American models.

Mr. Qunger was very interesting and we hope that he enjoys his stay in America and will come back if possible.

Here is Baker's own Baby 1954 wishing you a very happy and successful new year!

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

The Drama Club will probably be pretty busy from now until March or April. They are preparing for the Interscholastic League. They will enter a one-act play, for which try-outs will be held; also students entering declamation and extemporaneous speaking will compete.

Try-outs, to fill the places of the ninth grade Drama Club members who will be leaving, will be held in the spring. There will also be a spring party at which the new officers will be inaugurated by the old ones.

Interscholastic League Conference Is Upon Us

Spring is now approaching and the school's fancy turns to Interscholastics and who from their school will take high honors. It is hoped that everyone who will go will come back with honors.

This year there will be tryouts for spelling, writing, journalism writing, copy reading, declamation, extemporaneous speaking, and the one-act play. We hope there will be many people trying out for the meet and may the best man win.

The stork has arrived and brought us Baby '54, and we now have disposed of Gramps '53.

The kids from B.J.H. have come back to school with oodles of resolutions to break. Seems our Mr. Pine has informed his algebra class of theirs.

Let's hope Baby '54 peps up Delbert Moberg, David Melber, Sam Olguin, Don Renner and Roger Wilkinson and also the other basketball players to win all our games.

May we all have tons of luck and happiness this year and the next.

GIVE A LISTEN

Bakerites have a nice schedule of dances in store for them. First the F.H.A. is sponsoring a Formal Valentine Dance on February 12.

During Friendship Week we will have a dance at which our guests will be McCallum Junior High students. This will take place in April.

We get party wise again in May with a get together. Then we wind up the year's activities at the big End of School Dance. So, dust off your dancing shoes and get ready.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

Credit is given to people for many different things. I think a lot of it should be given to the people who have made possible assemblies this past year. It takes a lot of hard work to put on an assembly and if you don't believe this just ask someone who has helped to put one on. Also, if you have an idea for a good assembly you might talk to one of your teachers to see what can be done about it. I imagine everyone has enjoyed all the past assemblies and are probably looking forward to more in the future.

LOST and FOUND

Probably there is not a person in the world who, at one time or another, has not lost something. Perhaps it was something material which you valued highly; maybe you found it again, maybe you didn't. Then perhaps this thing you lost was something intangible; your faith and trust in someone, a relative, a friend, perhaps God.

Often a lost trust or faith in someone is because of the other person, but many times it is you. You lose your trust because of a trivial matter. Then it is up to you to find that trust again.

They say that everything that goes up must come down; likewise everything that is lost may be found. Remember this when you lose faith, a friend, or anything else. Remember and be grateful that something lost is not necessarily gone forever.

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What Has Happened to Our New Years Resolutions?

"New Years Resolutions are made to break." This saying is what many of us go by concerning Resolutions. In fact, too many of us make these promises just to say that they are made and at the first opportunity we break them. The origin of New Years Resolutions probably started even before the present day calendar came to be. People wanted to try and live better lives in the years to come. Usually they stuck to their promises. It is human nature for us to think about the coming year to be the best, instead of being thankful for the past. Be thankful for the past and yet plan the future.

No one should live in the past or in the future. You should always live this very moment as if it is the best moment of your lives. It can be your most memorable moment if you keep your Resolutions. Of course you should make resolutions that will better the world and influence those around you.

SIXTH GRADERS AT WORK

Standing from left to right are Esther McKeehan and Elaine Stubbs with their puppets.

The sixth graders of Baker School have been very busy these last few weeks. First they went to camp and had a wonderful time. Miss Rummel's 6-2 class returned to begin work with Mrs. Bach, an art practice teacher, on puppets. Two of the finished puppets are pictured above. They were made by Elaine Stubbs, whose puppet represents a girl reporter and Esther McKeehan whose puppet represents a naughty boy. They are also writing plays. They are hoping to produce them sometime in the future.

Miss Gough's sixth graders have been working with their practice teacher, Mrs. Cahill, for the last few weeks.

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STUDENT DIRECTORIES GOING ON SALE

Will you join the crowd of kids buying student directories? The ones shown are (L. to R.) Jerry Scarborough, J. T. Pruett, Charles Inscore, Clysta Stone, Dot Hall, Betty Lewis and Priscilla Schworthy and seated is Wiley Wyman.

You will probably be glad to hear that the Journalism class will be publishing a student directory. Won't it be wonderful to have a directory of all the students and you won't have to look at all the names in the city directory? (Now it will be easier for you boys!) Nancy Ramm is in charge of getting the information for the directories and Wiley Wyman is in charge of the sale. They will try to have them on sale by February. We would appreciate it if you would all get behind Nancy and Wiley in making the sale of the directories successful.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Well I guess all of you were pretty busy over the holidays, or were you?

I guess Santa came to every house on his "GOOD" list Were you on THAT list? We hope so.

Did all of you beat the alarm clock Friday morning, after Thursday night? (New Years Eve Night) But by the looks of things on Congress Avenue and the sound that was heard all over Austin at 12:00 straight up, I am quite sure that you didn't.

Have you all lived up to your New Years Resolutions so far? If you have, you've beaten me.

I am sure that all of the students had a wonderful time over the holidays, here are a few examples:

Bertha Ingram: Spent all of her time talking on the phone, (talking to Raymond as we might all know)

Ann Ruth Beam: Went all the way to San Saba all by herself on the great big, big bus.

Helen Hausman: Spent Christmas Day in the hospital. Poor girl.

Joan Beard: OOH! How exciting! She and a girl friend got the car all to themselves and drove all over Granger. UMM! Wonder who they met.

Sherry Bailey: HUM! Met the most charming boy.

Charles Arnold: At 11:59 New Years Eve was so sleepy that he popped only one tinsy winsy firecracker and then tumbled into bed.

Wilson Jenson: "Well, we couldn't get the truth." I wonder?

F.H.A. SWEETHEART TO BE ANNOUNCED

The F.H.A. Sweetheart Dance will be held February 12, 1954. The sweetheart of the dance will be crowned that night and until then no one knows who it is.

Each class voted, and chose five from each class to represent them in the contest. F.H.A. members then voted for ten girls out of the twenty candidates. The nominee with the most votes will be crowned sweetheart. The top ten nominees are Pat Foreman, Nancy Dement, Mary Nell Greeson, Barbara Grice, Sandy Hitchcock, Janice Kuhn, Carol Moore, Mary Sue Schwartz, Claryce Smith and Martha Smith.

Good luck, gals!! One of you is the F.H.A. sweetheart!!

Baker Students' Weaving Make Up Exhibit

Jeepers! This weaving sure is good. Of course, we're talking about the weaving exhibit that began around January 11th in the Bickler Building! Did you know that all of the weaving was done by some of our own art students? Which, we can certainly be proud of.

Weaving seems to be one of the main projects for this six weeks with the 7th grade art students as well as drawing winter fun pictures. The 8th graders are working and glazing clay, while the 9th graders are glazing their clay which they made last six weeks. They are also working on water color pictures. My! Maybe when we are all grown, we may find some old Bakerite as a famous artist or painter in our midst. What do you think?

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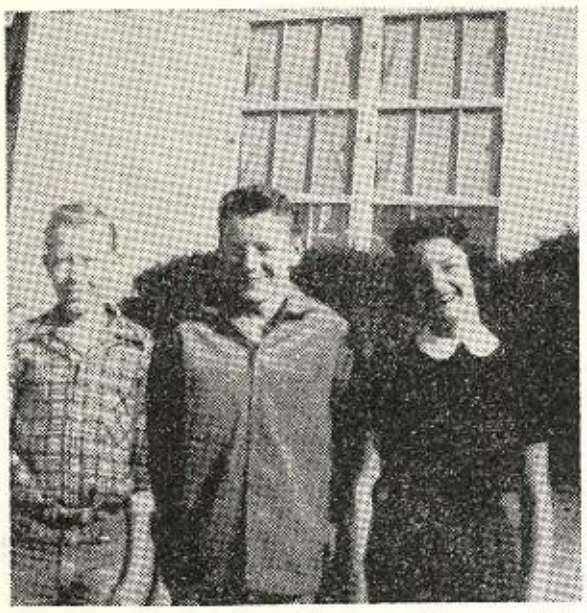

Personalities for this month are: 7th grade, Glen Noble; 8th grade, Charles Dodson; and 9th grade, Nancy Dement.

"Sugar, spice, and everything nice," describes our 9th grade personality perfectly this month. To let you know a little more about her . . . she is 5 feet tall, weighs 108 pounds, has brown hair, and brown eyes. Her hobby is being with her steady, John Thompson. Among her favorites are, color-green, song-"Ebb Tide," food-Mexican, and teacher-Mr. McLemore.

Just a few more clues before we tell you who she is. She is a cheerleader, an officer in F.H.A. and is in the mixed chorus. If you haven't guessed who she is, she is none other than Nancy Dement.

Where there's smoke, there's fire and where there are girls, there's Charles Dodson. Charles was born in Austin, is thirteen, and has attended Baker all his eight years of schooling. He has red hair, brown eyes, weighs 133 pounds, and is 5 feet 7 inches tall. Among his favorites are girls, dancing, blue and gray, P.E., football, and Mr. Hickerson. Charles also likes both hillbilly and popular music. He has four sisters and as of now has no amibition. If you don't know Charles, make it a point to meet him. You'll like him!

"Sigh" "Drool" "Yum"—These are some of the sounds coming from the mouths of the girls of B.J.H. when a certain young man of the seventh grade passes by.

In case you are wondering who this is, he's Glen Noble. Just so you'll recognize him, he has blue eyes and blond hair, his birthday is on November 27th and he's 13 years old, and 5 feet 5 inches tall.

As far as favorites are concerned, his are: teacher-Mr. McLemore; subject-gym; food-venison; colors-green, red and blue; song-"That's Amore"; and hobby-stamp collecting. He likes to dance, and when asked what he thought of Baker, he replied, "It's a pretty good school."

If you haven't met Glen yet, I'd advise you to as soon as you can, it's a real pleasure!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Where is the gossip column? I enjoyed it last year very much.

A Fellow Bakerite

Dear Student,

In publishing a paper you have to set a goal as you do in anything else. The goal we have set is for a better paper. We feel that gossip, besides hurting people's feelings, will lessen the popularity of the paper, and that could well mean the end of the Rocket.

The Editor

SMILE AWHILE

Wasn't "it" cute? Well geepers! Ain't it still just a doll? This cute thing is a bit larger now that it is 1954, but it hasn't grown much. This picture was taken about 1940. Look at those sweet eyes! Aren't its feet just the tiniest things? We might add that "it" has quite a few more teeth now. This baby is wondering the halls of Baker and surely you've met up with this "little thing." It has two of the cutest dimples and blond hair.

Swimming hits high on its list during the summer. Just for another hint, here are some names that different Bakerites call our baby: "The daring one"; "The little devil"; "little breeches"; and "cutie." Some hints! Perhaps you think you know who our baby is for the month. If so, write down your guess along with your name and put it into the Press Box.

By the way, last month's Baby Personality was Johnny Sherrill. Marilyn Henderson and Barbara Williamson were the only ones to guess right.

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BASKETBALL BOYS BAT BASKETS

Away goes Baker into the basketball season again.

Twenty boys went out for basketball, and fourteen made it. First-stringers are Delbert Moberg, Don Renner, David Melber, Roger Wilkinson, and Sam Olguin. Other players are Victor Mokry, Jerry Marx, Jimmy Kanetzky, Don Fincher, Clarence Pruitt, W. E. Taylor, Jerrel Archie, Frankie Bloomquist, and Al Shaffer. The team has lots of hustle but not much height; what little there is being in Wilkinson, Renner, and Olguin.

1954 Baker Basketball Schedule

First Round

Jan. 7—Baker at O. Henry (Thurs.)
Jan. 12—U.J.H. at Baker (Tues.)
Jan. 15—Baker at McCallum (Fri.)
Jan. 19—Baker—open (Tues.)
Jan. 21—School for Deaf at Baker (Thur.)
Jan. 28—Baker at Allan (Thur.)
Feb. 2—Travis at Baker (Tues.)

Second Round

Feb. 4—O. Henry at Baker (Thur.)
Feb. 9—Baker at U.J.H. (Tues.)
Feb. 11—McCallum at Baker (Thur.)
Feb. 16—Baker—open (Tues.)
Feb. 18—Baker at School for Deaf (Thur.)
Feb. 23—Allan at Baker (Tues.)
Feb. 25—Baker at Travis (Thur.)

O. Henry Quintet Stops Baker

The O. Henry basketball squad came from behind to beat the Baker Bucks 30-27. Baker started off with a boom and at the end of the first quarter they led 10-8. During the second period things settled down as both teams were hitting well. At the half time the Baker five led 18-15. The third period was in the hands of the Mustangs as they put six points through the hoop to Baker's three. The fourth and final quarter was close all the way, but O. Henry took advantage of some breaks and took a 30 to 27 lead. They started a freeze as the whistle sounded.

SCORING

	Points
Wilkinson	9
Melber	3
Olguin	2
Moberg	8
Renner	5

BASKETBALL LINEUP

Al Shaffer	No. 5
Delbert Moberg	No. 10
Victor Mokry	No. 11
Don Renner	No. 12
Jerry Marx	No. 13
Roger Wilkinson	No. 14
Frank Bloomquist	No. 15
Don Fincher	No. 16
Sam Olguin	No. 17
Clarence Pruitt	No. 18
David Melber	No. 19
Jimmy Kanetzky	No. 20
W. E. Taylor	No. 21

GIRLS SPORTS

The girls gym classes have just finished a unit in tumbling and are now starting to play soccer. It sometimes gets pretty cold out on that field but the girls go right ahead playing. It also happens sometimes that Miss Thigpen plays on the side that is losing. Don't worry; they lose sometimes, too.

SPRING TRAINING

Spring training at McCallum and probably at the other High Schools will start about the middle of February, so all you boys who might want to try out for the football team next year should be thinking about it.

History of Basketball

The modern game of Basketball was invented in 1891 by James Naismith, an instructor at the Young Men's Christian Association College in Springfield, Mass. He wanted to develop an indoor sport for the winter months when football, soccer, and other outdoor games could not be played. He nailed a peach basket to the wall of the gymnasium where his physical education classes were held. Then he divided his class into two sections, or teams, and started a contest between them. The object of the game was to see which side could toss a soccer ball into the peach basket most often.

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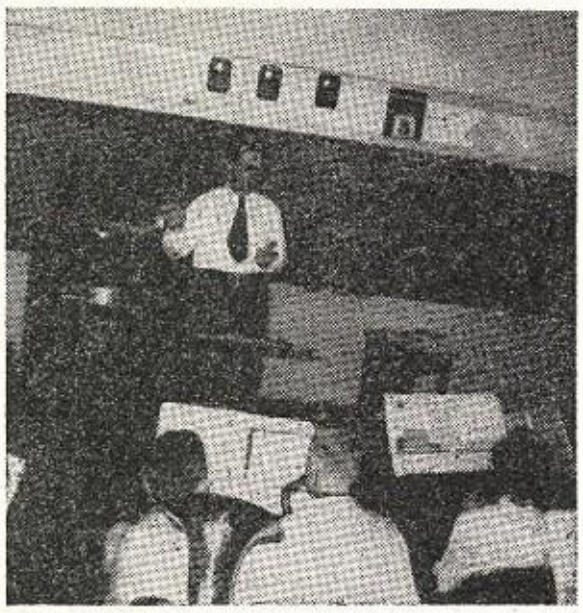
When the class needs groceries, first of all they make out a grocery list and then each group sends one student to the store for the groceries.

The F.H.A. girls in Baker are having a supper and style show this month. The ninth grade will serve and the eighth grade will model the clothes they have made.

If you were at the Christmas formal you were probably blinded by a bright light. If you were, and you looked really close you probably saw Mrs. Harville behind the bright lights holding a camera taking pictures of some of the students dancing and walking toward her.

Some of the pictures that were taken of the dance have been on display on the bulletin board in front of the office. Mrs. Harville has also been showing the movie that she took at the dance to her homemaking classes and Mrs. Baker's 4th period 9th grade social studies class has seen it, too.

BAND I, II, III



Directing the Baker Concert Band is Mr. Clinton A. Mathews.

Mr. Mathews is a wonderful bandleader and knows what he is doing. Band III under the direction of Mr. Mathews is practicing every day for a concert for parents in February. They have elected officers which are as follows: President-Ann Baldwin; Vice-President-Arthur Chester; Secretary-Roger Wilkinson; and Sergeant of Arms-Wiley Wyman. The band has done its best for the school. We are very proud of our band and bandleader.

MATH

Mr. Pine's ninth grades are studying units on business problems and income taxes.

The algebra class is learning to multiply and divide sign numbers.

The eighth grade is studying graphs and introduction to geometry.

Mrs. Walden's seventh grade has been studying decimals and are beginning percents.

The Math Club that was supposed to be organized will be started around the beginning of the second term.

There will be a number contest put on by the Interscholastic League. There will probably be one student from the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades to compete.

TYPEWRITING NEWS

In Miss Acklin's typing classes the students are progressing in typewriting. In the speed drills they have had Georgia Folsing is the fastest on the five minute speed drill with 61 words per minute. Carolyn Crider is the fastest on the one minute speed drill with 63 words per minute. In the 8th grade Barbara Booker has the most points. Craig Haydon has the most points in the 9th grade.

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SCHOOLS MARK 100th BIRTHDAY

F.H.A. AIMS HIGH FOR BETTER LIVING

What is the F. H. A.? Pupils who study homemaking in junior and senior high school have the privilege to be in the Future Homemakers of America. This is a National Organization.

The purposes of the F.H.A. is:

1. To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfaction of homemaking.
2. To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership.
3. To encourage democracy in home and community life.
4. To work for good home and family life for all.
5. To promote international good will.
6. To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.
7. To provide wholesome individual and group recreation.
8. To further interest in home economics.

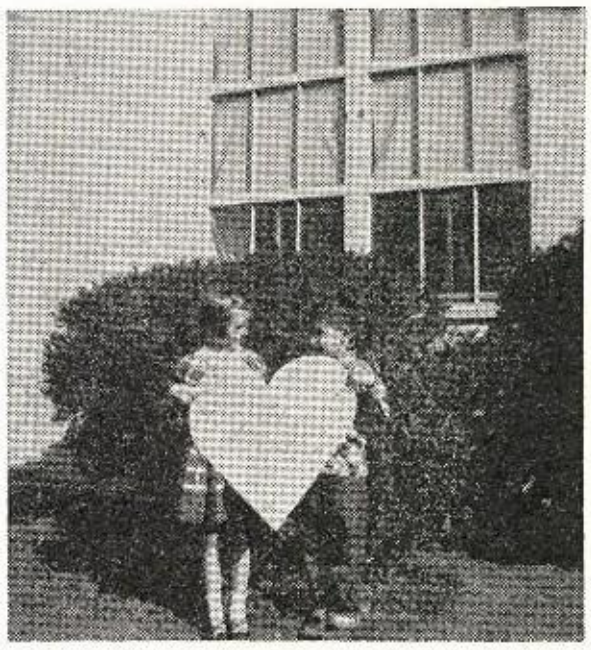
The F.H.A. works on degrees just like the F.F.A. It has four degrees. The first degree is Junior, second is Chapter, third is State, fourth is National.

Girls that are working on their Junior Degree are as follows: Barbara Brill, Paula Casey, Margaret McKeehan, Sue Rodgers, Flo Seekatz, Nancy Kelly and Pat Tumey.

PRIMARY NEWS

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet
And so are you

will be seen many times in the first, second, and third grades. In these grades there is going to be a big valentine box and maybe a party in each room. They aren't forgetting to study the famous peoples' birthdays, such as George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. I'd say they are going to have quite a time in the month of February.



Looking for a Valentine? Wiley Baker found his in the person of Kay La Grone.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

It's really hard to say exactly why we send valentines and tokens of affection on the day, which is the anniversary of good Bishop Valentine's death. There is certainly nothing in the saintly Bishop's life that could account for such a custom. We're sure that his death has nothing to do with Valentine Day, except that it occurred about the fourteenth of February.

The most probable explanation of this holiday is that it is a survival of an old Roman festival called Lupercalia. It is not a very serious day, but so many pretty customs have come to be associated with it that we all enjoy the day, no matter what its origin, and we're sure no one ever grows too old to like a valentine.

NEW SCHOOL OPENS

February 1st a new elementary school was opened. This school is called Margaret Riley. Dr. D. Richard Bowles is supervisor. Sixty students in the area of North of 47th and East of Lamar attend this school.

Sunday, January 31, 1954 is the official day making the 100th anniversary of the bill authorizing free public education. The week of March 1-6 is public school week in Texas. Austin schools have set aside this week for their own centennial celebration. During the week they hope to have public exhibits of the schools work in store windows.

March 5, a school holiday, will start with a parade. All junior highs, including Baker, and the high schools will have bands marching in it. The parade will consist of marching bands and floats from various schools. Different school clubs can have floats. The floats will represent things done in class rooms. The four high schools, McCallum, Austin, Anderson, and Travis will have pageants on the night of March 5th. The pageants will show progress and history of Texas schools. Exhibits will be opened in the cafeterias of the four high schools at 2:00 P.M. Friday afternoon.

MID-TERMS LEAVE THEIR MARK

Gee, I'm so sorry. Who was it? Shall I send flowers? No, no one died; there isn't any funeral. It's just the results of those mid-term exams. Those things are enough to drive you batty. The sad, lost, hopeless look on the faces of the kids who failed is simply terrible. And on top of the exams comes report cards.

But even as dumb as the mid-terms make you feel, the fact remains that the hardest part is still ahead of you, the FINALS. Relax, but just for a minute, and catch your breath—then start preparing yourself for the last chance. Only three months till then. Gee whiz, our troubles never seem to end!

YEARBOOK TIME

Its getting close to that time. What time? Time for the yearbooks of course. The journalism class is now making preparations for publishing the yearbooks.

The yearbook will consist of pictures upon pictures, together with the copies of the school paper bound. The ninth grade will have to supply their own individual pictures. The staff requests that you save one of your school pictures for that purpose.

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IN A NUTSHELL

Are you in a nutshell? Have you ever asked yourself this question? First of all, let's see what this question means.

This nutshell might mean that you are so busy doing things for yourself that you are too busy to worry about anybody else. You are so worried about yourself that you do not venture out any farther into life than you have to.

You might say living in a nutshell is that you and a group of your friends don't venture out into the world. You and your friends confine yourselves and don't associate with anybody else. You can get a lot more ideas from the world if you will only go out and find them by talking to new friends and acquaintances.

We could interpret, "Are you in a nutshell?" by your skin asking is a hard nutshell, and not letting anything penetrate it. You should let your skin absorb new ideas so you will have a broad knowledge of everything that is going on about you in the vast world about us.

If you are like one of the examples that have been mentioned above, try to come out of your nutshell and get with the crowd.

Tell Your Parents To Join The P.T.A.

Do your parents attend the P.T.A. meetings? Notices are sent out the second Tuesday of every month to inform your parents of the meetings that evening. The cost of joining is just fifty cents a member. If your parents have not been attending the meetings, get them to do so. All parents should belong to the P.T.A.

THINGS THAT ARE WORTH DOING ARE WORTH DOING RIGHT

Things that are worth doing are worth doing right! Surely you have heard these words repeated over and over to you by your parents. Here's your chance to turn the tables. Do your parents pay their poll tax? It wasn't too many years ago that the United States fought long hard fight to gain their independence. One of the reasons they wanted their independence is because they wanted the right to vote. Now that we have it, some people just shrug and say, "Let somebody else do it." If we all had that outlook it wouldn't be two years until the communists and various capitalistic minorities would have our country right in their hands.

People in many countries do not have the privilege of voting. So if earning the right to vote was worth doing, let's all show our folks that we do take an interest in the Democratic way and ask them if they have paid their poll tax and are planning to vote. Let's do it right!

Do You Appreciate Your Country?

This may seem a rather odd question but think about it for a minute.

Most people go to public school, watch television, or go to see a movie without thinking how lucky we are to have them. For a poor family in Korea, ice cream would seem a great delicacy, but here we take it for granted. For a poor child in India, a free school would seem like a dream, but in America we actually pretend to hate it.

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No one will ever know how happy our sweetheart was at the Valentine Dance, so congratulations!

Some of the couples seen at the dance were: Roger Wilkinson and Charlotte Currier, Nancy Dement and John Thompson, Barbara Grice and Delbert Moberg, Wayne Fickel and Yvonne Platt, and Jerry Scarborough and Peggy Parish. The other couples were too numerous to name.

Don't you agree that the gym was beautiful? That red and white crepe paper really did something for it.

THE ELEMENTARY NEWS

The "little kids" of our school seem to be busy along with us junior high students. Here is a report on two of the classes.

Mrs. Mason's fifth graders are in the process of studying colonial life of early America. They are having several movies on the subject and are making exhibits of the colonial days. Some of the class are building miniature forts to make the study even more realistic.

Another fifth grade class making news is Mrs. Hord's. One can say that they are truly "playing in the dirt" because they have taken up the study of conservation. This includes the soil, mineral, plants, and the animals that live under the earth. The students are enjoying the movies shown on conservation. Most of the class are making models of farms showing the crops. It seems like it would be very interesting work.

And now we leave "Kiddie Land Studies" until the next issue.

THEATER TALK

Knights of the Round Table—student council.

Lovely to Look At—Barbara Grice.

Second Chance—Charlotte Currier and Roger Wilkinson.

Tough Assignment—Journalism Class.

Mr. Scoutmaster—Don Renner.

Devil's Canyon—Baker halls.

Walking My Baby Back Home—Mary Grice and Sam Olquin.

So Big—Warren Routen.

The World in His Arms—Mr. Pine.

Too Young To Kiss—Jimmy Finger.

UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE

Texas—without crazy weather.

Darlene Daily—being untidy.

Deanie Wagner—without chewing gum.

4th period lunch—quiet.

DeeDee Williams—to make below 90 on a math test.

Walter Wyman—not to buy a Baker button every time they are sold.

Mary Grice—to be without a pretty smile on her face.

Baker girls—without nicknames.

Roger Wilkinson—without that blonde hair.

Algebra—easy.

THESE ALGEBRA STUDENTS

Algebra is usually a subject which people consider very hard. Some people think that if they walked past an algebra class it would be very quiet because everybody would be studying. It is a very different story when you go past our algebra class.

Usually you can hear Roger Wilkinson popping off to Mr. Pine, and then Carol Wyckoff will have something to say. No wonder Mr. Pine is getting gray hair so young. Meanwhile, Arthur Chester is playing chess while everyone else is trying to work. When everyone is beginning to settle down, Jerry Scarbrough walks in causing a ruckus. When Mr. Pine gets on the war-path, Wayne Fickle heads for the door.

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— *Personalities* —

Flash! Bill's smile helps him to be voted ninth grade personality! Boys aren't usually famous for their smiles, but in this case it's different. Bill Young sure does have a darling one. His years on this earth amount to fifteen. Here is some more of "the junk" (statistics) gathered off of him. He weighs all of 136 pounds and has a height of 5' 7" to really make him a handsome physique. Bill's wig (hair) is brown and his eyes match.

Bill is a gymnastic creature because his favorite subject is gym and he likes Mr. Hickerson along with it. Debbie Renolds and Eddie Fisher rate first on Bill's star list. Mexican food tastes delicious to him and his favorite pastime is playing almost any kind of ball. The numbers hanging on his house say "5213," and the house is on Avenue G. Here's his phone number—for you boys only, it's 5-7979.

Hi ya, Red! Red, who's that? Oh, don't you know that's our 8th grade personality this month, Charlotte (Red) Currier. Charlotte, having blondish red hair (from which she got her nickname), is 5' 3" and weighs 105 pounds. She loves the colors pink and blue and also loves dancing and "Stardust." Charlotte was born on April 2, 13 years ago and another of her main interests is Roger Wilkinson. She takes part in many activities such as majorette, F.H.A. reporter, and a number of member of the journalism class. I'm sure most of you know her, but if you don't, make it a point to meet her.

This month's personalities are: 9th grade, Bill Young; 8th grade, Charlotte Currier, and 7th grade, Marjorie McIntyre.

Our 7th grade personality spotlight is on Marjorie McIntyre, who could easily be called a sports personality. In Marjorie's lists of favorites, she gives baseball first place, with skating coming in as a second. Marjorie says her favorite position is third base, which we are sure she plays very well. She thinks baseball is a good thing because it teaches you cooperation as well as to hold your temper.

Some of her other favorites are Mexican food, music, and Mr. Sayers. She has her eye on no particular boy at the present, but I'm sure she'll change her mind in the near future, so give her time, boys.

AIR WAVES THRU BAKER

Video Theater—Drama Club Presentation.

Mother's Delight—a note from the teacher.

Dragnet—caught at the Somewhere stand.

Range Rider—Homemaking girl.

Fashion Close-Up-Mr. Jeffrey's vest.

Commercial—selling Baker buttons.

Comedy Hour—Algebra II class.

These Things Remain—F on a test.

It Seems Like Yesterday—the good old summer time.

Zoo Parade—the halls between classes.

This Is Your Life—excuse for playing hooky.

Physics, What's That?

A young student, to whom a teacher was trying to explain physics, didn't seem to understand the concept of weight at all. The teacher became very disgusted when he was trying to explain that a pound of feathers was exactly as heavy as a pound of lead. The teacher finally gave up when the student said, "You stand down in the schoolyard and I'll drop a pound of feathers from the second floor on your head. Then I'll drop a pound of lead. After that if you say they weigh the same I'll believe you." These are just some of the things that make teachers gray.

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U.J.H. SLIPS PAST BAKER

The fine ball handling and the good shooting of Will Knox and Bobby Garner helped pace the Eagles to victory. The stubborn and spirited Buckaroos kept fighting and almost had the game tied up in the last couple of minutes. But Knox and Garner put together four field goals and two free throws for ten points and to defeat Baker 34-31. Roger Wilkinson and David Melber were high-point men for Baker with eight points each to tie for second high with Garner. Baker held a 10 - 7 first quarter lead but at half-time U.J.H. led 17-14. From there they kept their lead until the final gun sounded, but Baker stayed right in there and pitched as they cut the lead from 6 points in the third quarter to 3 in the last quarter. The score was not the whole story of the game. Baker was handling the ball well and exhibiting teamwork. The breaks just didn't come at the right time and U.J.H. nudged the Baker five 34-31.

Final Statistics

Baker	10	4	7	10—31
U.J.H.	7	10	10	7—34

Scoring:

Baker—Wilkinson 8, Melber 8, Moberg 7, Olquin 6, Renner 5.

U.J.H.—Knox 12, Garner 8, Fairchild 7, Gattis 4, Alford 2.

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BOYS' P.E.

In the first week of February, Coach Hickerson started the P.E. classes playing soccer and speedball by showing them a film. Then they learned the rules. The difference between soccer and speedball are: in soccer you have to kick the ball all the time, but in speedball you can, if somebody kicks the ball into the air, catch it and throw it until it hits the ground.

In the fourth week of February, Coach will start track.

The third and fourth grades are now competing in some unusual relays.

GIRLS' P.E. ACTIVITIES

Let's do the Bunny Hop! No, I want to do the All American Promanade. If you should happen to be walking by the little gym during a girl's gym class, you may hear those sounds coming from inside. The reason is because the girls have started a unit on dancing. Besides doing some social dancing, Miss Thigpen has been teaching round dances and other kinds. At the end of class nearly everyone is worn out.

STANDING

	Won	Lost
U. J. H.	5	0
McCallum	4	1
O. Henry	4	1
Travis	2	3
Allan	2	3
Baker	1	4
T. S. D.	0	5

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Pa: No! An embarrassed zebra.

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The minimum age limit is sixteen years.

SCOTTIES NIP BUCKAROOS

Lester Kitchens and Mike Milam paced McCallum to a 26-25 victory in two overtime periods. Baker started out well and had a good lead over the Scots at half-time. McCallum began hitting from the field and making most of their layup shots throughout the second half.

Baker and the Scotties both struggled throughout two overtime periods scoring one field goal each. Then Sammy Bowman was fouled and hit his second free shot to clinch the game for McCallum 26-25.

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Chess tournament gets underway.

CHESS TOURNAMENT HELD IN BAKER

Mr. McLemore held a chess tournament, January 12-15, to determine the chess champion of Baker. Earl Dean placed 1st, Arthur Chester placed 2nd,, Richard Starwich 3rd, and Lamar Anderson 4th. Other entries were: Anthony Petrick, Jesse Freeman, Richard Mannix, Leroy Eastburn, Bob Young, Cotton Watford, Billy Watford, Dickey Kemp, Joe Prewitt, Gene Mayes, Irving Cutter, and Bobby Wykes. The first two matches were played by elimination. The next three were played by "Round Robin". Elimination is when A plays N and wins, and X plays Y and loses. Then A plays Y. "Round Robin" is when everybody plays everybody else.

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OH, FOR A HOLIDAY

Have you looked at your calendar and noticed all the celebrated days in February? If we had a holiday for each of the celebrated days, we would have three holidays. They are Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, and Valentine's day.

The two days of most importance to Americans are February 12 and February 22. They are Washington's birthday and Lincoln's birthday.

George Washington, first president of the United States today is better known as the "Father of Our Country." Washington was also Commander-in-Chief of our armies. A good description of Washington is "first in war, first in peace, first in the heart of his countrymen."

Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, is sometimes called "Abe" or "Honest Abe". Today Abraham Lincoln is still remembered for his Gettysburg Address and Emancipation Proclamation.

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NEWS BITS FROM BAKER

Baker has something in common with March 17. Do we have to tell you what it is or do you know? Sure thing, it's our schools colors and the colors that represent St. Patrick's day. Green and White! How about wearing these colors on St. Patricks day and help add to the gayety and color of the holiday.

The ninth grade art classes of Baker are now in the process of making mobiles to hang in front of the windows in the art room for decoration. These mobiles are made from balsan wood with metal and clay decorations at first; more things are added as soon as they are made. There are two of these mobiles and they are very pretty. Make it a point to go by and see them if possible.

February 6 through the 12 was National Boy Scout Week. They started off the week with a parade Saturday morning at 10:00 in the scouts' honor. Sunday, February 7, The Boy Scout's, in full uniform, attended the churches of their choice. The Boy Scouts celebrated this week all over America.

Hold on to your hats, cowboys, because there's going to be a Western Dance, March 26, sponsored by the band. You are supposed to wear a western outfit, so get your duds together.

BAND GIVES CONCERT

On February 9, the Baker Band gave a concert for the P.T.A. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:30 and the concert some time later. The Baker Concert Band, under the leadership of Mr. C. A. Mathews, played the following selections: "Colorado Overture", "Beau Sabreur Overture," a novelty number called "Clock in the Toy Shop," "Childrens' Prayer," "Thre Gates of Gold," and "Day of Youth Overture."

SPRING'S BUSTIN

Spring fever has struck many, including Houston White, Janice Pargman, and Bobby Wykes.

The Birds are singing up in the redbud trees; the squirrels are running from their winter hiding places; and people are getting the old feeling that comes with spring —everything's right with the world.

The cause of this feeling as you can probably guess, is the freshness that seems to come with the first blossoming flower. Under the budding trees are flowers of many kinds which add a gay color to the already happy season.

Spring comes with the windy month of March and goes out with the flowery month of May. All the things that make spring—combine to make a famous quotation —"Spring's bustin' out all over".

KID'S KORNER

The opening of Riley school leaves Baker one each of grades 5 and 6, and one combination of 5 and 6.

Mrs. Hord's fifth grade has studied soils, observing erosions of the school ground and broadcasting a radio program from the office.

Miss Rummel's and Miss Gough's 5th and 6th grades listened to Mr. Dawson from the State Game and Fish Commission, who talked to them about snakes and animals of Texas on February 3.

Miss Kavanaugh's 4-2 class is studying the cold regions of the world.

BAKER TO PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual spring vocal festival-clinic will be held for junior high music students in Austin. During the three days of the clinic, April 28, 29, and 30, more than 500 music students will attend it. Their director will be Dr. Irvin Cooper, of the University of Florida. On Friday night the clinic will wind up with a concert at McCallum High School Gymnasium. The concert will have plenty of fine music, so plan to be there.

I OWE THE WORLD A LIVING

Do you ever feel that you're getting all the bad breaks? Do you feel that the whole world is against you? You probably have at some time—almost everybody has, but do you ever stop to think of all the things you get that you just take for granted—a home, nice clothes, a school, your church. These are just a few of the things our forefathers worked, fought and died for and now all we hear are complaints like "I can't get the car tonight. I don't know how my dad thinks I'm going to get around—on my hands and knees most likely," and "Mother won't let me go to the movies. She never wants me to have any fun."

The next time you get the urge to gripe just slow down and remember what everyone does for you and spend more time doing things for them.

SPRING FEVER ARRIVES

Springtime and spring fever are here. Many kids are getting too lazy to do their work.

Spring fever can be the cause of a lot of bad grades. It's a long time till school's out and we can't let our grades go down. The ninth graders will have to be especially careful about being lazy because they are working for credits.

Playing hooky is another result of spring fever and is another way of shoving our grades down. When we miss school we miss out on assignments. The next day, when we're supposed to hand some work in, we don't know anything about it.

DID YOU GUESS?

Last month's baby personality was David Kennedy. Here are the names of people who would know him anywhere, even in a baby picture:

Joycelyn Burris
Gloria Carroll
Lillie Mae Clopton
Patsy Biggerstaff
Lynda Cox
Lavada Dockens
Becky Hathery
Sandra Carney
Pat Foreman
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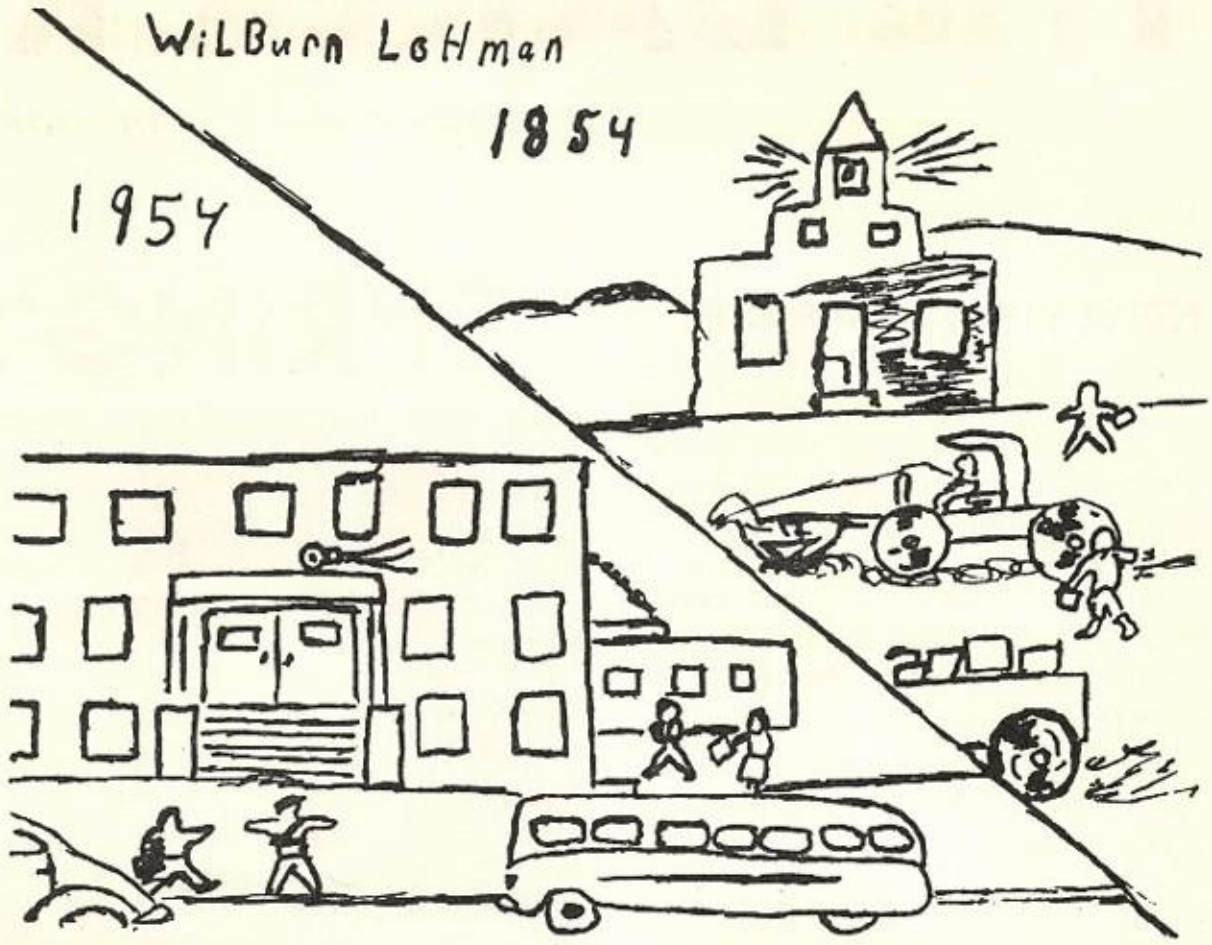

BAKER PRESS BOX NEEDS SUGGESTIONS

Say kids! Do you know what that little green box with PRESS printed on it is for? Sure thing, to drop your suggestions in. It's so convenient too, right in front of the office.

Suggestions are what the Journalism class needs. You all probably don't like some of the articles now in the paper and there are some you would like to have in it. We really don't know. If you put your complaints and suggestions in the press box, we'll know exactly what you want. After we know this we can strive to make the paper the way you, the student body, want it. Now you must realize that it is utterly impossible to grant your every wish, but, we will do our best to better the paper. So, how about those suggestions?

SCHOOL TO BE LET OUT

by Delbert Moberg

Mr. Darnell says school will be let out at noon for the rest of the year. The parents say the students have too much schooling and not enough free time. Also the students will be punished if they bring any book home besides a library book. Many new devices will be installed in Baker Junior High, including a radio in each room, to say nothing of the five T. V. sets to be scattered about. The water fountains will be replaced with soda fountains and we will have a thirty minute recess, during which you can only have a chocolate sundae or strawberry malt. A swimming pool will be built in the patio and several flying saucers will be available for transportation. Enjoy this while you read it.

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FADS N' FASHIONS

Take away the winter skirts, bring out the full cotton skirts. Girls are now enjoying the fashionable cool cotton skirts. Under the skirts are usually two or more darling ruffled crinoline or taffeta petticoats in any one of a number of colors, sometimes depending on the color of your skirt. This seems to be one of the most popular fashions for B. J. H. girls.

What's this for? Have you heard anyone say this to any of the Journalism students, meaning the little silver thing around the neck? I'm sure you have, as the journalism class received proudly their press keys.

WHY PETUNIAS IS DOUBLE

A petunia is a flower and so is a begonia.

A begonia is also a sausage.

Sausage and battery is a crime.

Monkeys crime trees.

Trees a crowd.

A crowd makes noise.

A noise is what you have on your face like eyes.

The ayes have it against the nays.

A horse neighs.

A horse also has a little colt.

You go to bed at night with a little colt and get up with double petunia.

AROUND THE TOWN

Dig that crazy hole! That's exactly what the McCallum students have been doing. They have been having tree planting ceremonies. Each two advisories had one dogwood tree between them. They have set these trees in a row around the school and planted flowers around them. Just think how pretty McCallum will be in a few years.

Friday the twelfth the McCallum gym was beautifully decorated in red and white. The occasion? The Jr. High Valentine Formal.

"I'M A FOOL"

"I'm a Fool" is the play which has been picked for contests. Tryouts for the play were held January 17 and 18. The following cast was picked:

George ..... Johnny Sherrill
Bert ..... Dicky Kemp
Dude ..... Craig Hicketheir
Wilbur ..... Donnie Tew
Lucy ..... Barbara Girce
Elinor ..... Becky Hatherly
Mother ..... Carol Wycoff
Mildred ..... Emily Ford
Student Director .... Laneta Stefka

UTTERLY FANTASTIC

Charlotte Currier—with a boring personality.

Charles Dodson without his millions of girls drooling over him.

David Melber—without flirting with at least two or three girls a day.

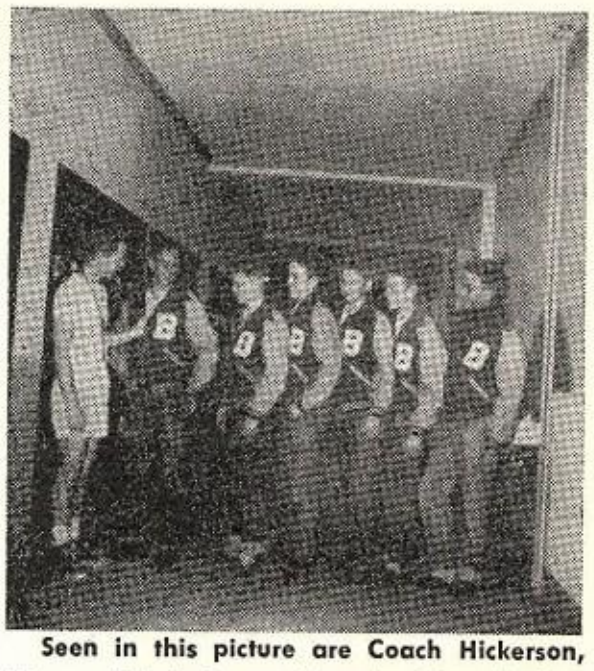
Johnny Sherrill—w i t h o u t his laugh and smile.

Miss Thigpen—without her adorable disposition.

Baker—with a swimming pool.

Joan Beard—without her sweetness and neatness.

Delbert Moberg—slow at typing.



Seen in this picture are Coach Hickerson, Wayne Fickel, Jimmy Kanetzky, Don Fincher, John Thompson, Victor Mokry and Walter Dollar with their new jackets.

LETTERS AND JACKETS RECEIVED BY TEAM

All the football boys who lettered during football season received a letter "B" and some bought football jackets. All the boys were looking forward to getting these jackets and letters but it seems like they didn't keep them on very long because of all the cold girls. In a January assembly, the boys were given their letters by Coach Hickerson who in his short speech talked like he was very proud of the whole football team.

INSIDE THE LIBRARY

Most of us have been inside the library but very few students know what literature is available. For instance, BJH stamp collectors might be surprised to know that there is a **Standard Postage Stamp Catalog** in our library. Also the poets might be interested in **The Rhyming Dictionary of the English Language** or maybe **Roberts Rules of Order** would help them. For people who are planning to buy something and want the best, the **Consumer Reports** is very helpful.

Now maybe you have an idea of what is in our library and maybe s o m e of these books and pamphlets can help you out. Why not take a look at them?

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— Personalities —

Personalities for this month are: 9th grade, Barbara Grice; 8th grade Walter Wyman, and 7th grade Sonny Sanders.

Splash! What was that? It was Barbara Grice, diving into the refreshing water of a swimming pool. During the summer you will no doubt, find this brown-haired and hazel-eyed girl, on the hot summer days, the swimming pool, which is right across the street from her house at 4410 Avenue F.

Did you mention Delbert Moberg? Well, you can bet your last dime, Barbara will blush at the very mention of his name. If you have any platters of Kay Star or the record, "Secret Love", Barbara would gladly spend the day with you. This fifteen year old-teen-ager takes part in many things: cheerleader, drama club, journalism, and being F.H.A. sweet heart candidate.

Yum! There goes another hamburger and a plate of french fries eaten by this month's cute freckled face personality, Walter Wyman.

Walter has auburn hair and green eyes. This, combined with his height, 5'3", and weight 153 lbs., adds up to, a real cute boy. His pastime is eating and his hobby is girls. His pick of movie stars is Marilyn Monroe, song, "Stranger in Paradise", T. V. Program, "Dragnet", subject, Social Studies, teacher, Mr. McKenzie, and sport, football.

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, and speaking of blue that is Sonny Sanders, our 7th grade personality's favorite color.

Sonny was born in Austin, 12 years ago. He has blue eyes and brown hair, weighs 120 lbs., and is 5' 3" tall. Here are a list of his favorites: T. V. program is "Topper"; food is Mexican; Sports is baseball, teacher is Mr. McLemore; subject is Social Studies, movie star is Jane Russell, and last but not least, his girl friend is Marjorie McIntyre (Lucky Girl).

WHAT IF—

Tommy Flowers was Tommy Weed.

Carol Wyckoff was Carol Wysneeze.

Jerry Scarborough was Jerry Levine.

Joyce Berry was Joyce Grape.

Irving Cutter was Irving Tearer.

Emily Ann Ford was Emily Ann Cadillac.

Walter Dollar was Walter Penny.

Newell King was Newell Queen.

Jimmy Finger was Jimmy Thumb.

Earl Dean was Earl Superintendent.

Daryl Lamb was Daryl Goat.

Darlene Dailey was Darlene Weekly.

Betty Green was Betty Red.

Carol Moore was Carol Less.

Helen West was Helen South.

Cherry Strong was Cherry Weak.

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"IN LIKE A LION; OUT LIKE A LAMB"

Yes, the windy month of March is nearly over and the rainy month of April is approaching. Stop and Think! Did March come in like a lion or a lamb? Even if it did or did not this saying has stuck with March like a train has to its tracks.

When March is present there are two things you think of: spring and spring fever. Spring fever is the time when everybody goes looney over school or his girl friend and, of course, spring begins March 20. The Staff of the Baker Rocket hopes everyone will have a good '54 Spring.

LIVE OFF THE FAT OF THE LAND

"I think I'll retire and live off the fast of the land." Perhaps people who say this don't always mean what I'm going to show you, but it amounts to the same thing. You can get a good variety of foods almost anywhere in the United States. For instance, if you go in for fruits there's Orange (Texas), Berry (Alabama), Hackberry (Arizona), Mulberry (Arkansas), Strawberry (Arkansas), Lime (Conn.), Fruitland (Conn.), and Apple (Illinois).

Considering the high cost of the article, you might save money by going to Coffeeville (Alabama); and to top it off, there's Cream Hill (Conn.), to go with it.

Some other things that might go into the menu are Sugarland Texas; Torilla Flat, Arizona; Pietown, Arizona; Tomato, Arkansas; Weiner, Arkansas; Wheately, Arkansas; Carmel, California; Cornish, Colorado; Tomales, California; Bean Hill, Conn.; Turkey Point, Conn.; Oyster, Florida; Bacontown, Georgia; and Salmon Idaho.

Do you see now why I say you could live off the fat of the land?

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THIS IS BASKETBALL??

Surely, it couldn't be! Believe it or not, it's true. We are referring to girls' basketball, which the girls gym classes are participating in now. The boys seem to think that the way girls play basketball is quite amusing as it is very different from boys basketball. In girls' basketball you may only dribble twice and although it is played on the whole court, you play only on one half of it.

Let's say there are two teams, the red and the blue. The blue guards and the red forwards play on one end of the court, while the red guards and the blue forwards play on the other half.

The seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls basketball teams are now having intramurals which are played after school. If you would like to see something real exciting, confusing, and sometimes amusing go to the gym after school and watch the girls play.

ALLAN EDGES BAKER

The favored Baker Buckaroos were stunned and surprised by the outcome of the score on Thursday, Jan. 28 as the Allan Bulldogs defeated them by an 8 point margin, 43-35. Jesse Hernandez led the Bulldogs with 19 points and Delbert Moberg scored 14 for the Buckaroos.

Coach Hickerson, hoping for his second victory in a row, was also surprised at the way the Bulldogs handled the Baker five.

TRACK SEASON HERE

Whiz! There goes Jerry Marx. Zip, zip there goes Don Fincher. Yes, track season is now in session and the Baker tracksters will be getting ready for competition with the other junior high schools.

WE DID IT

Coach Hickerson coached his Buckaroos to a 44 to 30 victory over the Texas School for the Deaf. This was Baker's first conference win. The Buckaroos were fighting all the way and were never behind in the score after about the first minute. Sammy Oats was high point man for the game with 20 points. David Melber copped scoring honors for Baker with 10. Baker outscored TSD in every quarter except the last when they scored only 6 points to the 7 made by TSD. The half-time score put Baker on top 23 to 14. Second and third honors went to Roger Wilkinson with 8 points and Don Renner with 7.

WE DID IT AGAIN

The Baker team whipped the favored U.J.H. Eagles by a seven point margin 33 to 26. This was the team's second victory in conference play. Roger Wilkinson was high point man for the game with 15 points.

The nervous Eagles whipped the ball around wildly losing it many times. Their shots from in close or far out were wide of the mark. Baker easily won by making a total of 24 points to the Eagles' 17 during the second half.

BOYS' P.E.

The boys P. E. classes are playing soccer now. They started the course by seeing a movie and hearing a lecture by Coach Hickerson. He gave them two sheets of information, one with rules and the other with the positions of the players.

The Coach plans on having speed-ball next. Then one of his advanced classes will try the new game of speed-away.

MISS THIGPEN

Sweet, young, and charming just about describes the girls' gym teacher. She has blond hair, green eyes, and is five feet six inches tall. She has two brothers and sisters and is originally from Naples, Texas. She got her degree in physical education at North Texas State College at Denton, Texas.

She has taught in El Paso and this is her third year to teach at Baker. Miss Thigpen's favorite pastimes are sports and bridge, and she loves fried chicken.

SESSIONS AND PRACTICE FOR SPEECH AND PRESS

On Saturday morning, February 6th, some of the Journalism and Speech students attended a student activities conference in Georgetown. The conference was held at Southwestern University and its purpose was to study problems of speech and newspaper work.

The speech clinic was composed of examples of debate declamation, plays, and extemporaneous speaking. These were then criticized and discussed. The Journalism section of the conference had many interesting talks and discussion groups on such problems as the purpose for having a school paper, replacing gossip columns, possibilities for a vocation in journalism, problems of headline writing, reporting, and copyreading.

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SHOWDOWN

(or I took the .45 and he took the six-gun and I got to Boot Hill before him)

By Martha Jo Sherrill

Slowly the tall Texan ambeled down the main street of Boot Hill. As he walked his hands swung close to his guns. This was the town—he had to protect it—that was his job—he was sheriff. Sheriff Schmo Thursday was working the day watch out of county jail. He had heard rumors that the most vicious, desperate outlaw in Texas was in town and Schmo was a'hankerin' to meet him and maybe get his autograph. The outlaw's name was Lord Fauntleroy Tudor.

Suddenly, Schmo heard someone calling his name. He turned. It was Beuuulah Bell, his latest heart throb. Beuuulah Bell came running up to him crying, "Schmo, Schmo, get outta town. Fauntleroy is here and he's out to get you all. Run, run." Schmo looked at Beuulah Bell and said, "Gal, Ah ain't going to run from nobody, not even (shudder) Fauntleroy."

From down the street came shouts and everyone began to run for cover (everyone except Schmo, and Beuuulah Bell who wanted to be with Schmo to the last.) Then, as Fauntleroy, his long curls bobbing, came into full view on the now almost deserted main street of Boot Hill, Schmo turned to Beuulah Bell and said sadly, "Ah told you ah wouldn't run from no man an' Ah ain't a gonna but Ah suddenly feel in the need of that their vacation that the town promised me and Ah think Ah'll take it now . . . Goodbye."

As he turned, Beuuulah Bell grabbed his arm and cried out, "Ah hate to tell you now but it's too late. Fauntelroy is right behind you. But be brave, tell him all you want is the facts."

"But Ah already got the facts, ma'am, and the fact is Fauntleroy wants to kill me. But Ah'll be brave," said Schmo as he turned," "Ah'll walk right up to him and uh.....and Ah'll ask which way out of town," finished Schmo as he looked down the barrels of two six-shooters.

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Easter, The Holy Time

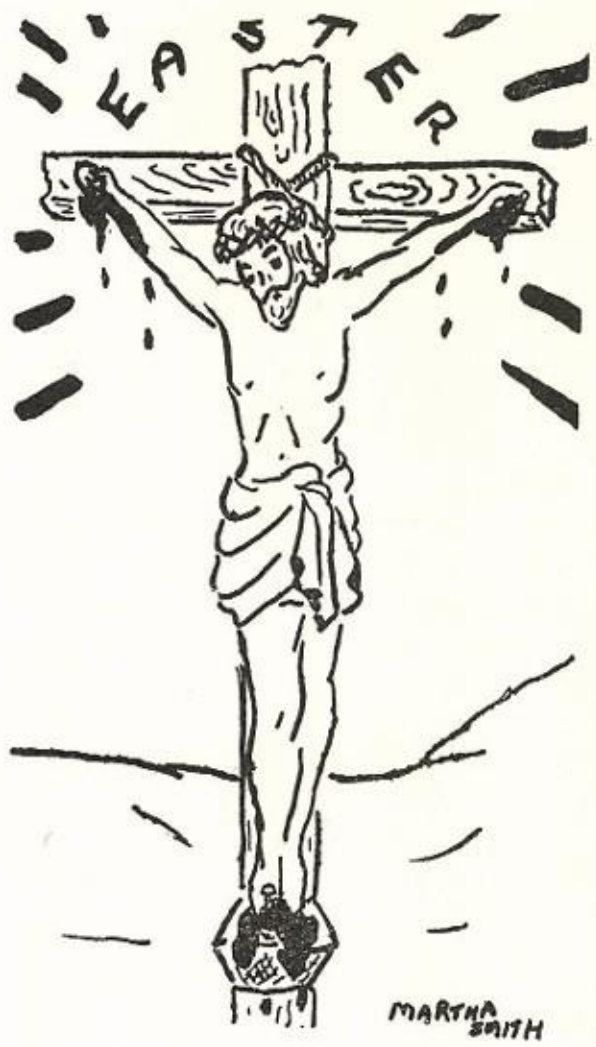
By Ann Baldwin

A heavy cross, a crown of thorns, a home spun robe, a new life, and the individual named Jesus, all are a part of the Sacred Easter. Bunnies, eggs, baskets, and a new bonnet are what many people think of when they're reminded of Easter.

Surely the first Easter was a happy one. The Master's friends had come to his grave to pay homage to what they thought was a dead prophet. Instead of finding a body wrapped in soft cloth, there was an angel awaiting them. Christ had risen and had become, to humans, a Risen Saviour instead of a dead prophet.

Perhaps the youth are prone to forget the real reason for Easter. Daniel Webster says this about Easter: "A Sunday between March 21 and April 26 set apart in the ecclesiastical calendar for commemorating the resurrection of Christ." In that definition there is nothing said about bunnies and eggs.

The only time some people even see what's on the other side of the church door is on Easter morning. Then all they go for, it seems, is to show off their new Spring frocks.



Is the real Sacred Easter to return? Supposedly the only way to get back the true meaning of Easter is to leave some of these minor things out. A child that is brought up to think only of Easter eggs, new shoes, and such will probably never receive the meaning of Easter, the Holy time.

TICKET SALES HALTED

Ticket sales for the Baker Junior High Spring Festival halted at ten o'clock February 19, 1954. Selling the most tickets was Miss Cole's advisory for the Junior High, and for the elementary Miss Rummel's room sold the most.

Leading in the individual contest was Allan Rogers selling 153 tickets from Miss Cole's advisory. 2nd place went to Jerry Owen from Miss Gough's 6-1 class who sold 143 tickets.

Allan received $5.00 for being top seller and Jerry got $2.50 for being second. Not bad, huh?

A CHILD'S EASTER

For a long time people have celebrated Easter. The children celebrate Easter by hunting Easter Eggs that the Easter Bunny has left.

Small children believe that the Easter Rabbit comes during the night when they are asleep and hides eggs in the grass. Sunday morning they get up and have an Easter Egg Hunt. It's wonderful to see the joy they get out of hunting eggs. After the hunt comes services at church which gives the child the true meaning of Easter.

All this has long been a part of Easter and will be for years to come.

HERE COME THE GALS

Fort Worth, here we come!! This is the cry of two happy, excited girls. The girls are representing Baker's F.H.A. Chapter at Fort Worth.

There were quite a few gals nominated and each one had to be working on a F.H.A. degree and had to have a B average in all her subjects. After the list of girls was made, a check sheet for each girl was given to all her teachers. On the sheet the teacher was to check whether the student was excellent, good or fair in meeting the qualifications. Listed on this check sheet were: general attitude in class, dependability, citizenship, and ability to represent Baker School well. The ninth and the eighth grade representatives were chosen who had the highest averages on the check sheets. Representing the ninth grade is Laneta Stefka and for the eighth grade Janice Kuhn.

HOW DID THE APRIL FOOLERS GET YOU?

The April Foolers did an efficient job. Here are some things that happened.

Joyce Berry—"Someone told me I had bubble gum on the back of my skirt. Of course I had to look."

Martha Sherrill—"Some of the girls hid my gym suit. What a predicament to be in."

Charlotte Currier — "Someone told me that my petticoat was showing."

I hope most of you were as lucky as these were. Lucky? Well, nothing really horrible happened.

RUSSELL SPEAKS AT TEA

David Russell, Poet Laureate of Texas, spoke at a tea held at the home of Mrs. Norma Lynn Scott (President of the English Club and teacher of English at McCallum), 3001 Beverly Road, at 7:30 P. M., March 26. The tea was sponsored jointly by the Poetry Society of Austin and the English Club of Austin.

THE SANDS OF TIME

By Arthur Chester

". . . And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

Quickly! How many people can you think of that are famous? Five is fair, 10 is good, and 15 is excellent. Most of these started out as no great person, but all were ambitious enough to pass up others. Are you one who passes or one who gets passed? Will you do something you can be remembered for?

We seem to waste our time away
And find, when life has gone,
We have not played the part of queen
But merely that of pawn.

What about you? Will you leave your footprints on the sands of time?

BUTTONS ON BAKERITES

Do you know the meaning of loyalty? The true meaning of the word is faithfulness and there are quite a number of Baker boys who are really loyal. It seems almost every time Baker buttons are being sold Walter Wyman, Bill Foelsing, and John Thompson can be seen buying them. The students of Baker get a free newspaper and should be glad to help a little on the school paper. We would like to thank all the people in Baker who have bought Baker buttons.

RED CROSS FORMS JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Austin Red Cross Chapter is sponsoring the organization of a Junior Red Cross City Council which is made up of representatives from all the junior high and senior high schools in Austin.

Mike Carmichael, a former member of the council in Dallas (now attending McCallum), is mainly responsible for the primary organization of the Austin council. Through the cooperation of the Red Cross and the help of Mrs. Higgins the first meeting was on February 13 and every two weeks thereafter.

Representing Baker at these meetings will be representative Martha Sheill and alternate Charlotte Griffith.

Follow a Good Example

Not long ago something startled me. I walked into a typical classroom full of typical students and found the room unusually quiet. The quietness didn't bother me for once in a while kids are quiet. What did bother me was that none of those students were chewing gum. That really is unusual!

This is one of the most unusual experiences I've had. It puzzled me. Normally you find at least one student chewing gum but in this classroom not even one student was.

I rushed out to see if chewing gum was still sold and of course found out it was. I thought then that I was just seeing things but after going back to the class I found out I wasn't.

That afternoon I began investigating this unusual happening. As a last resort I asked a student of the class, whom I know exceedingly well and who is a person who can't resist chewing gum. She informed me that when you are caught chewing gum in that class 10 points are taken off the grade. Many students couldn't afford this so they abandoned gum. Now they are used to the idea and the teacher doesn't worry about seeing a gum chewer.

Maybe it would be better for some of the other students to abandon gum chewing, grades might be higher. As the saying goes "there is a time and place for everything." The time for chewing gum isn't during class and the place isn't school.

Band Presents Barn Dance!

What a time was had! Food! Food! Food! Dance! Dance! Dance! Laugh! Laugh! Laugh! Fun! Thank you, Baker Band, for the exciting, wonderful, marvelous night! Anyone miss it? Poor you! (If you did.) There was a real-true hillbilly band and square dancing and just plain dancing and—oh, eats. All plump people such as Cecille Stagner, Brucie Cavett, and Ann Baldwin will have to diet for the next month to make up for all they ate.

Congratulations to the most valuable boy and girl band members! The girl was Ann Baldwin, and the boy was Roger Wilkinson.

UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE

Lizabeth Schwab—with her hair out of place.

Janice Kuhn—not neat.

Allen Rogers—without Charles Dodson and Walter Dollar.

Sandy Hitchcock—with a poodle cut.

Gerald Heath—tall and dark.

Clarence Pruitt and Leon Meiars—not altogether.

Sue King—without those little freckles on her nose!

YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

People are like books. As we ignore a book with a dull title and cover, we ignore a person that doesn't seem to be interesting. But often if we read the book that seems to be uninteresting, to our delightful surprise, we find it to be far from dull. So be it with people.

Names and faces aren't everything, for its the person you look to for friendship. So, like a book, open and read the person before you judge.

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Our Principals Speak

To the student of Baker School:

I feel that we have one of the best groups of students that have ever gone to Baker School. There have been very few known cases of vandalism or destruction of public property of any kind this year. The building and school furniture show very few signs of wilful defacing so common to public buildings. On the other hand many students are very careless about throwing paper and other items on the floor and leaving the building in a mess.

I think the students are to be congratulated for the fine name they have made for their school this year.

Let's improve the weak spots and keep others up to par.

What do you say?

EAVESDROPPING AROUND BAKER

Dig those crazy haircuts! I wonder what barber did that job on those boys. Oh, I know, they are future high school football players? They had spring training during February, and the seniors at McCallum initiated them by cutting their hair. Wayne Fickel, Jerry Scarbrough, Don Renner, Don Fincher, Sam Olguin, Roger Wilkinson, Jimmy Kanetzky, and Wiley Wyman were the boys from Baker chosen to go out for spring training at McCallum. They are also the boys with the burrs and flat tops. In places, their hair just plain ain't there!

THESE JUVENILES

Say, they're talking about us! Yep, as much as we hate to admit it, we are the kids, the ones in junior high and high school, that people mean when they say, "What's this younger generation coming to?" The fact is, sometimes we don't leave a very good impression.

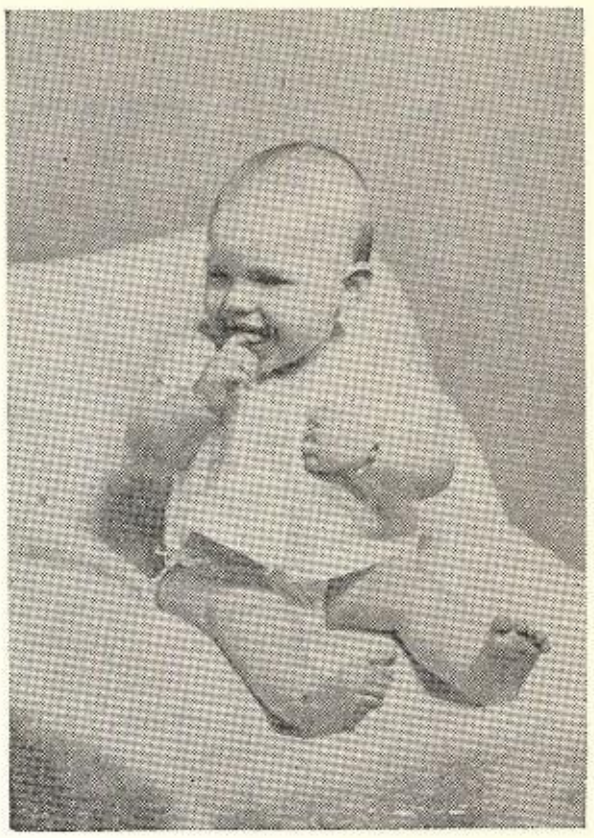
Everyone likes to have fun, especially teen-agers, but when fun comes under the heading of damaging other peoples' property it's time we reformed. Things we might consider "all in fun" don't appeal to other people the same way. We should learn to think twice before we do something that is questionable fun. We'll be better friends among ourselves and with grown-ups.

Let's go all out to make our "generation" one of the best and to show adults that "what this generation is coming to" is a safer, more competent adulthood.

BROTHERHOOD FOR BAKER

On the morning of February 23, 1954, three speakers were at Baker in conjunction with Brotherhood Week. They were Rabbi Brandiss, representing the Jewish religion, Reverend Stephenson, representing the Protestant religion, and Father Matocha, representing the Catholic religion. They spoke on the merits of brotherhood with no prejudices because of creed, race, or religion and the possibilities of world peace through an effort such as this.

Speakers were at different schools through the work of the National Association of Christians and Jews which has dedicated the week of February 21 through 27 as National Brotherhood Week.



BABY PERSONALITY

Giggle, giggle—that's what you would hear if you were eavesdropping when this month's baby personality was watching its favorite TV program "I Love Lucy." Besides TV this little darling enjoys listening to Arthur Godfrey over the radio. As for its favorite movie star, Esther Williams is tops. Its favorite sport is swimming and then b a s k e t b a l l. Another favorite is Mr. Pine and color green. It now has brown hair and blue eyes and is five feet five inches tall. It has a little brother 10 years old. Its often called Sammy, and Ginger.

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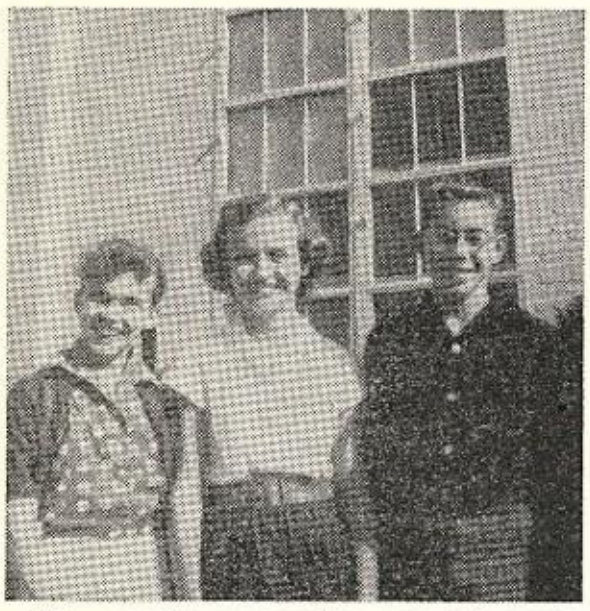

This month's personalities are 7th grade, Emily Ann Ford, 8th grade, Janice Kuhn, and 9th grade, Delbert Moberg.

"Oh, to be 5' 2" again," moaned some 9th grade girls of Baker. The reason? Why that good-looking Delbert Moberg, of course. He happens to be 5' 4" tall, has greenish-brown eyes and brown hair with a flat top cut. Packed into that 5' 4" is the most wonderful personality you've ever known.

Delbert has a long list of favorites, but here are some of his main ones: baseball, Mr. Hickerson, math, Mexican food, "Oh, My Papa", and maroon and white. He plans to go to Texas A&M and become a professional football player and a meterologist on the side. Flash! Alert all girls! Delbert is on the loose in the field. Grab that bat, girls!

A darling girl with a bubbling laugh and an adorable personality. Have you guessed who it is already? For those who are a mite slow at guessing, the girl is this month's 8th grade personality, Janice Kuhn. It seems Janice likes to watch T.V. and especially "My Little Margie." She also favors gym, Miss Thigpen, and the color green. She has lived in the fair city of Austin for 13 years. At the moment she lives at 4205 Speedway and her phone number is 53-4213. So, grab the phone, boys, real quick, because first come—first served.

Our 7th grade personality spotlight turns this month on lovely Emily Ann Ford. Our tiny little personality this month has brown hair, hazel eyes, and is 13 years old. Her birthday is January 29, and the place was Brownwood, Texas. Miss Cole and Mr. McLemore are tops on her favorite teacher list, so it seems natural that speech and social studies would be her favorite subjects. Sea food is tops in food with Emily. It looks as though Emily's interested in acting since she is now a member of the Baker Drama Club and her ambition for the future is to be a drama teacher or to work on the stage.

Kids, if you haven't met her, take my advice and do so at once.

Summer Is the Happy Time

Bakerites are making plans for their summer activities as they wait for school to end.

George Huff is dreaming of going to the country where he can be lazy and sleep often. Cecil Catchings and Ronald Davis can hardly wait till they're off on fishing trips. Wonder if they'll catch anything? Lillian Ross plans to visit local swimming pools quite often as she enjoys swimming. Janice Kuhn agrees with her, too, that there's nothing quite as enjoyable as this. Mary Steger wants to spend her spare time in West Texas, while Patsy Wilder thinks Colorado is the place for her vacation. Janice Kohrs is the wandering type, too, as she plans to go to Mexico, Iowa, Missouri and Houston, Texas. Delores Rummel is also the type who goes in for swimming; she also plans to spend some time of her summer at her grandmother's house.

Well, you may not be planning something like these Bakerites, but we're quite sure that whatever you do this summer it's bound to be enjoyable.

BAKERITES SPEND THEIR EASTER HOLIDAYS

You know it isn't but once a year you get out of school for Easter holidays, so it's best to make the most out of them. Here are the ways some of our Bakerites spend theirs:

Leroy Eastburn—Spends his time looking at girls' Easter bonnets.

James Spaw—Eating candy.

Betty Snowden—Betty says she lays polka dot Easter eggs. (How do you do it Betty?)

Jocelyn Burris—Hunting Easter eggs.

Helen West—Spends her time hiding Easter eggs for her little sisters.

Don Fincher—(the bright boy said) I don't spend my holidays, I keep them.

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FACULTY NIPS "GLOBETROTTERS"

The Baker "Globetrotters" (the basketball team) lost in a very close game with the Faculty. The "Globetrotters," smeared with black grease paint, were really going to town the first quarter 16-18. The faculty gained two points in the second quarter making the score 24-18. When the final quarter ended the score-board showed the score to be 45-43 in favor of the faculty. The high scorers on each team were:

Hickerson (F)	15
Sanderson (F)	10
Wilkinson (G.T.)	10
Thurman (F)	10
Moberg (G.T.)	8
Olguin (G.T.)	7
Renner (G.T.)	7

BAKER SMEARS T. S. D.

The hapless T. S. D. Rangers fell before the upcoming Baker squad. Roger Wilkinson captured the scoring honors for the game, with 21 points. This was Baker's third victory of the season. At halftime Baker had a comfortable 28 to 13 lead, but Sammy Oats kept the Rangers within striking distance until he fouled out with a total of 19 points.

TRAVIS SLIPS BY BAKER AS SEASON ENDS

The Travis Rebels beat Baker 32 to 26 as both teams finished the season. The second team of Baker started and held Travis well. The first quarter score was 11 to 8 in favor of the Rebels. Then the first string entered the game, but the Travis five extended their lead to 7 points at halftime. Both teams hit two field goals during the third period, but Travis held their lead in the last quarter to win by 6 points.

Bobby Craig led Travis with 13 points and Delbert Moberg had 10 for Baker. Roger Wilkinson and David Melber had 4 spaces as second and third scoring honors for Baker. Three players hit 5 points each for the Rebels.

Score by quarters:

Travis	11	9	4	8—32
Baker	8	5	4	9—26

CITY LEAGUE NEWS

The Allan Golds and the University Eagles remained unbeaten through the first half of play. The Golds are leading the National League with an 8-0 standing, while the Eagles of the American League are out front with a 7-0 record. The Baker Ones are in fifth place in the American League with 2 wins and 4 losses. Vasbinder leads the American scoring honors with 76 points and Jerry Heath of Baker has meshed 62 points. The Baker Twos who are in the National League are in fourth place with a 3-4 record.

GIRLS' P.E.

Basketball seems to be the main topic in girls' P.E. now. After going through skills for two weeks and then playing games in class they started intramurals. Judging by the noise in the gym after school they seem to be having loads of fun.

Miss Thigpen was in charge of the Jr. High Physical Education float in the parade Friday, March 5. It was decorated in white crepe paper with blue lettering. On this float was one tumbling pyramid, boys and girls with equipment representing the different sports taught in gym classes, and a discussion group around a blackboard. We're real proud of the students at Baker who were on this float.

CONGRATULATIONS

"Red Hot" explains how our basketball team was this year. Every team that they didn't beat was still nervous from the close shave they just had. At the games you probably wondered how they racked up so many points.

We are very grateful to the basketball team for their support of Baker and we congratulate them all for everything.

ALLAN NIPS BUCS

The favored Allan Bulldogs beat Baker for the second time of the year as they had to stop a Baker second half rally. The Bulldogs were hitting superb the first half as they led 27 to 12. The downhearted Buckaroos came out with a staggering comeback as they cut the 15 point lead to a mere field goal. The Bulldogs put a freeze and the Baker five began to foul. Delbert Moberg scored 13 points to lead both teams.

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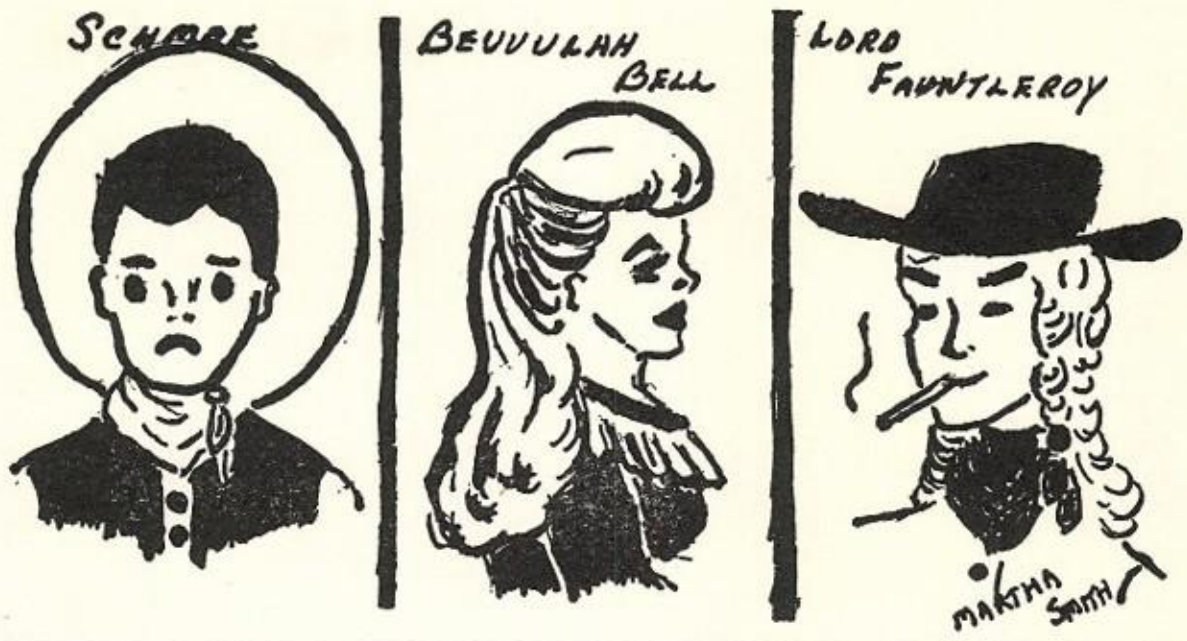
SHOWDOWN

(or "I took the .45 and he took the six-gun and I got to Boot Hill before him")



As we left Schmo Thursday in the last episode of "Showdown" Schmo was looking down the barrels of Lord Fauntleroy Tudor's six shooters. As we rejoin our story—

No one spoke or moved as Schmo and Fauntleroy stood there in the middle of the main street of Boot Hill. The air was tense with anticipation. Then Fauntleroy broke the monotony as he said, "I suppose you know that I'm out to get you, do you not Thursday."

"Ah plumb sure do," replied Schmo.

"Well, I'll give you a fair chance," Fauntleroy went on. "I challenge you to a duel. You may name the time, place and weapons. You see, I am a man of fair play, and distinction and besides, I need some target practice. You may give me the information tomorrow or send it by your second."

Schmo thought a moment and murmured, "Time — first day of August, place—west Texas desert, weapon—snowballs."

"Come, come now my good man. The last person I killed didn't even fight back. Let's make this a sporting duel."

Then Beuuulah Bell spoke, "Schmo, youall have got to uphold the good name of this here town and if the only way to do it is fight Fauntleroy, then youall have got to do it."

"Alrightee, that fancy-pants outlaw don't scare me. Ah bet he's not as tough as Liberace even if he does have hair like him."

"Well, Thursday, have you made up your (hah) mind?"

"Yes, mah mind is made up. Ah'll meet you at the big oak tree at 10:00 in the morning. We might make it dawn but Ah'm never up at that time."

"But what will the weapons be?"

"Don't worry, I'll have weapons for both of us."

As Fauntleroy walked away Beuuulah Bell said, "What kind of weapons did you choose, Schmo?"

"Just be at the big oak tree in the morning and youall will see."

At ten on the dot the next morning Schmo was at the oak tree with two weapons in his hands. At 10:01 Fauntleroy came into view. He approached slowly, step by step, peering at the objects Schmo held in his hand. Fauntleroy was within 10 feet of Schmo when he stopped, still staring at what Schmo held in his hand. He shuddered; then turned and ran so far that he was never seen in Texas again.

What did Schmo have in his hand? Draw your own conclusion!

Moral: Never start reading a continued story.

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SOMEBODY GOOFED

ARE YOU COUNTING THE DAYS?

There are only a few days of school left and I really mean it. It is interesting to count the days until school is out, and find exactly how close you are to being free. I don't mean to say that being in school is like being in jail. But most kids like to look forward to doing what they want to during the three months of summer vacation.

Are you counting the days until school is out?

ROAMING THE HALLS OF BAKER

"Parting is such sweet sorrow." This saying, old as it is, still holds true today.

When it comes time to leave an old school and go to a new one with new faces and gobs of new friends, you do feel sort of happy, but when you come right down to the point you're sad. Just think of the friends you're leaving behind, all the swell times and wonderful memories, or maybe, the teachers. It gives you a feeling that only you can know and understand. Let's see what a few of our fellow students say about leaving "dear old Baker."

Kathy Kiddens: "I'm going to cry my heart out."

Nancy Dement: "I don't feel so good about leaving."

Jerry Scarborough: "I've been here so long that I just feel like I belong here, and I don't want to leave."

Johnny Sherrill and Bill Young: "We hate to leave."

When Harritt Palmer was asked how she felt about leaving she replied, "Terrible."

Bonnie Platt: "I've only been here for one year, but in this one year I've found more fun than most people who have been here nine years. I really hate to leave."

Baker is a real swell school and so are the teachers. We hate to leave you . . .

HOP TO IT, BUY A YEAR BOOK

Have you bought your yearbook yet? You had better get on the ball if you are going to buy one. This year they're going to be great! Yes great, sensational! There will be a surprise in store for you in the yearbook. Just in case you wondered, the price is now $1.25. Don't miss this offer; be sure to buy your yearbook today!

CONGRATULATIONS KIDS

Congratulations! We wish to congratulate you for your fine work in interscholastic league contests.

In the English division we would like to congratulate Ann Cavett, first place ready writing, Martha Sherrill, 2nd place ready writing, and Margaret Laybourn, alternate for Ann and Martha. Also Kathryn Giddens for winning first place in the district for her spelling ability. She only missed one word, gads I wish I could spell that good! Betty Voight came in second place in the spelling contest.

HORIZONTAL BAR TEAM

Around and around and around they go. This describes the Horizontal Bar Team. This team practice has been supervised by Mr. McLemore. The team consists of Pat Fowler, Bob Hawley, Bennie Miller, Blas Santos, Lupe Santos, Wilson Jenson, Vernon King, Al Shaffer and Arbie Joe Cutrer. The bar which they practice on is horizontal to the ground and may be better known to some as a chinning bar.

Requirements for a good horizontal bar performer are:

(a) Agility
(b) Courage
(c) Strength
(d) Sense of timing
(e) Lot of practice

SCHOOL'S OUT

"School's out, school's out, the teachers let the mules out." This old rhyme sounds familiar now, because summer vacation is nearing. The swimming pools are filling rapidly with BJH students, and the teachers are winding up on their work.

This year has been a memorable year for the ninth grade, just as next year it will be memorable for the eighth grade. Most of our ninth graders will be going to McCallum, and there is a great future ahead of them.

Now is the time for the ninth graders to start thinking about their future, especially their plans. Have you thought about your future? Let's hope everyone thats in the ninth grade is a success, and that all their wishes will come true. Heres a helpful thing that will be well to remember . . . when you do something, do it well! If you remember this, you are on the road to success.

CHESS TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD MAY 17-21

Mr. S. D. McLemore has announced that chess tournament will be held May 17-21. The chess tournament is open to any boy who can play chess. He doesn't have to be an outstanding player to enter either. At first the tournament will be played by elimination and then by round-robin.

The chess club has been growing. It now contains some 35 to 40 members. They are as follows: Richard Starwich, J. W. Sanders, Jerry Jones, Ray Belcher, Warren Routon, Darrell Dungan, Robert Sullavan, Cecil Catchings, Leon Hanson, Errol Schuyler, Richard Mannix, Raymond Sherman, Bobby Boyd, Bob Young, Jerry Mogonye, Dickey Kemp, Charles Cantwell, David Biggerstaff, James Atchison, Jesse Freeman, James Norman, Anthony Petrick, Bennie Engelke, Jack Wagner, Gene Mayes, Earl Dean, Frank Lain, Leroy Henderson, Mike Drousche, Sammy Franks, Cotton Watford, Joe Prewitt, Jerry Polk, Leroy Eastburn, Lamar Anderson, Irving Cutter, Bobby Wykes, Arthur Chester, and Gene Mallard.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES END SCHOOL TERM

"In the good ol' Summer Time" is probably a phrase which will come to the minds of many Bakerites at the nearing of the summer vacation months.

As we near these summer months and the closing of the school term, we begin to think of all the activities which have or will round up the school days. For instance the school picnic which will be held soon at Shipe Park. There will be free hot dogs and soda water for everyone, as well as the refreshing cool water for swimming. The Student Council will also round up their school days with a picnic and swimming at Barton Springs, which all plans to be an enjoyable afternoon.

May 14th was the day set aside by the journalism class to have their Press Club Dinner. This activity took place at the Hitchin' Post and entertainment was performed by the journalism students themselves.

MAY 3-8 MARKED FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Monday, May 3, opened the first activity for Friendship Week. Starting at 7:30 and lasting until 8:30 a sunrise dance was held to enable students to get their Friendship books signed. There was also dancing for those who wanted to dance. The books were put out by the student council and were sold for 15 cents. The second day was used mostly to get books signed. On Wednesday there was a big treat for the girls. The boys were supposed to carry the girls' books to class for them but the treat went to the boys Thursday because the girls carried the boys' books. On Saturday, May 8, from 7:00 to 10:00 there was a Hawaiian Dance.

A Friendship king and queen were also announced at the dance. For more fun the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades at McCallum were invited to the dance. That concluded the schedule for the week and here are a few notes from the teachers: Please try to have a pen or pencil with you and contact teachers before and after school or between classes if you would like for them to sign your Friendship Books.

NIGHT OF THREE ONE ACTS

Baker Auditorium is where the "Footlight Players" presented two nights of one act plays. The plays presented were: "Ladies Alone", "The Dear Departed", and "I'm a Fool" which was Baker's contest play. The members of the casts were: "I'm a Fool", Johnny Sherrill, Carol Wycoff, Emily Ford, Barbara Grice, Dicky Kemp, Becky Hatherly, and Glenn Noble. The Members of "Dear Departed"' were: Ann Cavett, Ethel Kidder, Laneta Stefka, Arthur Chester, Irving Cutter Donny Tew and Wilma Anderson. The cast of "Ladies Alone" is Avis McFarland, Sandy Hitchcock, Darleen Inman, and Sue King.

9th GRADE STYLE SHOW

I guess we have some pretty well-dressed gals in the ninth grade now. If you saw the Fashion Show they gave for the P.T.A. April 13, you can understand why. The girls modeled the dresses they made in homemaking. The theme was "April in Paris" and there were three scenes. The first was for the more casual dresses, the second was for the "round-the-clock" dresses, and the third scene was for the real dressy dresses.

Miss Nell Ann Holdaman, the student teacher, was the narrater for the show. The girls who modeled in the show were from Mrs. Harville's second and sixth period classes. They also gave the style show in assembly on the 15th of April. Congratulations to the girls on their wonderful dresses. They were very beautiful.

A HUMAN SUNBEAM

Everyone knows that one can't confine a sunbeam, no matter how hard he tries. But does everyone know that a human sunbeam is pretty hard to confine too? The source of the sunny personality of a human sunbeam is the heart. When the source of something is as deep as that, it is pretty hard to squelch. Have you ever noticed that when a happy person is around a sad one, the sad one usually becomes gay instead of the happy person becoming sad and depressed? If you haven't, you notice the next time you are around some people like that. Maybe the happy person will be you.

AWARD RECEIVED BY BAKERITE

April 5th Bakerites had two treats. One as you recall was the assembly given by Texas School for the Blind. The other was, Edgar Smith received a beautiful Placque.

Edgar received this for his Champion Holstein Heifer at the Fredericksburg Stock Show. This show was held August 25-27, 1953. Edgar belongs to the 4-H Club for which he raised this heifer.

Class Will

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the ninth grade of Baker Junior High, being of unreasonably sound? mind and body, do hereby leave our earthly and unearthly possessions to our underclassmen.

Sherry Bailey—My nickname of "Shorty" to Betty Snowden.

Ann Baldwin — My romantic imagination and personality to someone bashful.

Joan Beard—My ability to have fun in math under Mrs. Walden to Lillie Mae Clopton.

Joyce Berry—My record of going steady for 22 months to Peggy Parrish.

Raymond Bohls—My good grades to anyone who needs them.

Barbara Brill—My ability to open my mouth at the wrong time to any poor innocent creature.

Janelle Cain—My ability of making 100's on a Social Studies test to some lucky lowerclassman.

Roger Campbell—My ability to be bad to Raymond Sherman.

Paula Casey—To my sister, Lillie Faye, my kindness.

Ann Cavett—My place as vice-president of the Footlight Players and my ability to make gruesome faces to Donnie Tew.

Arthur Chester—My love and sympathy to Mr. Pine, who has had to teach me.

Lynda Cox—My ability to work in the library to Jerry Ann Frazier, who will be in the seventh grade next year.

Carolyn Crider—My love for baseball books to Darlene Inman.

Irving Cutter—My algebra book to Earl Dean in hopes that he can get better grades.

Melvin Dailey—My flat top to Bill Hamilton.

Alice Dawson—My bloodshot eyes to Lillie Faye Casey.

Dennie Dement—My baton to Avis McFarland.

Nancy Dement—I, Nancy Dement, do hereby will my ability to crack while singing a high note to Claryce Smith.

Jimmy Doherty—My hair to Mr. Pine because he is tearing his out in Algebra class.

Viress Doyle—My math book and grades to Mrs. Walden and Mr. Pine.

Wayne Fickel—My physique to Willie Thurman.

Tommy Flowers—My hair to anybody that can take care of it.

Georgia Foelsing—My love for baseball to Mary Sue Schwartz.

Carolyn Folkes—My long hair to Pat Foreman.

Dean Franks—My almost black hair to Lavada Dockens.

Kathryn Giddens — I, Kathryn Giddens, will my rosy cheeks to Charlotte Currier.

Barbara Grice—My ability to blush so easily to Carol Moore.

Helen Hausman—My locker to Dee Dee Williams.

Craig Hayden—My long black (?) hair to Bob Young.

Gerald Heath—My A+'s in Algebra to Allan Rogers.

Delores Henderson—My good grades in science to any 8th grader.

Jo Roye Herber—All of my boy friends to Marie Herrin.

Henry Hodges—I leave Don Meyer my ability to draw.

Saundra Hoskins—My ability to get along with Mr. Pine to Darlene Dailey.

Bertha Ingram—To Mary Grice I will all of the good-looking boys.

Wilson Jensen—My place in Mr. Pine's paddle line to Billy Linder.

Margie Johnson — My short blonde hair to Dee Dee Williams.

Jimmy Kanetzky—I will Baker to my brother.

Nancy Kelly—My braces to my sister, Joyce Kelly.

Norma King—My complexion to Barbara Dean.

Linda Kleinschmidt—My quietness to any loudmouth.

Lester Lang — My big brown eyes to Mr. Pine.

Margaret Laybourne—My tardy permits to Virginia Barron.

Nelda Mangham—My helpful and beloved "boo hoos" to Billy Linder.

Donnie Martin—My flat-top to J. T. Pruitt.

Patsy Martinez—My locker and books to the 8th grade.

Jerry Marx—My curly hair to any boy in the 8th grade.

David Melber—My flirting ability to David Kennedy.

Leon Miears—My math book to Mr. Pine, so he may use it again.

Bennie Miller—My ability to get kicked out of class to Allen Rogers.

Delbert Moberg — My athletic ability to Walter Dollar.

E. C. Mowdy—Mr. Pine to Allen Rogers for math.

Jo Ann Neel—My ability to giggle to Betty Hetzel.

Sam Olguin—My ability not to get the car on Friday night to Charles Dodson.

Harriet Palmer—My place in Algebra to Mary Lynn Metz.

Gayle Parr — My place by Nancy Ramm in advisory to Willie Thurman.

Pauline Perry—My ability to come to Training Union often to Sue King.

Yvonne Platt—My voice to Dee Dee Williams.

Clarence Pruitt—My ability to get in trouble to Ernest McCarver.

Nancy Ramm—My abiltiy to say things that embarass me to Sandy Hitchcock.

Sue Rodgers—My ability to escape Mr. Pine's paddle to any unsuspecting eighth grader who may need it.

Shirley Rowland—My braces to Mary Nell Greeson.

Lupe Santos—My dumbness to Tony Santos.

Jerry Scarbrough — My most precious fortune of friends to Peggy Parrish.

Joyce Schmidt — My history grades to Marilyn Schmidt in hope she will keep them good.

Liz Schwab—Leaves her dancing ability to Sue King.

Tippa Scott—My citizenship to my little sister, Mary Ann Scott.

Flo Seekatz—My love for math and Mr. Pine to someone in the eighth grade.

John Sherrill—My ability to get caught playing hookey to Bob Young.

Martha Sherrill—My figure to

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Class Prophecy

1954 CLASS PROPHECY

The Baker Seniors of 1954 prophesy that:

The nation will soon be well supplied with secretaries because we give them Barbara Brill, Paula Casey, Dennie Dement (she might later turn P. E. teacher), Nancy Dement, Georgia Foelsing, Kathy Giddens, Barbara Grice, Jo Roye Herber, Helen Herrin, Saundra Hoskins, Liz Schwab, Betty Voight, Barbara Wilder and Carol Wycoff for that magnimous profession.

By either 1958 or 1959 the Detroit Lions will have a winning streak in the person of Wiley Wyman. Somewhere along that time the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cleveland Indians will be neck and neck in the world series with David Melber on the Cardinals and Don Renner on the Indians. Gerald Heath and Delbert Moberg will be right up in the big leagues too but we don't know which team.

Our air force will prosper in a few years when Roger Wilkinson, Wilson Jensen, Lester Lang, and Curtis Conrad join, and Bill Young designs the planes for them to pilot. Ella Dean Franks and Jo Ann Neel will also take to the air as stewardesses.

If you get sick you'll have somebody to go to because we prophesy that Irving Cutter will be a doctor, Ann Cavett will be a psychiatrist, Joan Beard will be a lab technician, Joyce Berry, Martha Smith, and Wanda Thurman will be nurses.

Musicians from Baker will be: Singers: Alice Dawson, Delores Henderson, and Yvonne Platt; Concert violinist Shirley Rowland.

We predict that Melvin Daily and Roger Fleet will achieve their lifelong ambition of passing to the 10th grade.

Linda Cox, Carolyn Foelks, Flo Seekatz, Patsy Martinez, Virginia Wann, and Tink West will settle down to the peaceful(?) task of being housewives.

We don't prophesy, we condemn Carolyn Crider and Cecile Stagner (as P. E. teachers), Jimmy Doherty (studying law at A&M), Bertha Ingram (going to business school), Tippa Scott (studying law at U. of T.), and Irene Wagner and Charlotte White (also College) to more school. Gee, you poor souls.

Criminals will shudder when they hear the name of F.B.I. agents Sam Olgin and Johnny Sherrill.

Various other Bakerites pursuing various other occupations are: Ann Baldwin and Sue Rodgers who will be mission workers, Janelle Cain, who will be a typist or librarian (our crystal ball was a little cloudy so we couldn't be sure), Roger Campbell who will be a comedian (he hopes to someday be as good as Mr. Pine). Viress Doyle who will live on a horse ranch and raise—guess what?—horses, Wayne Fickel who will work with the Shell Oil Company at Houston, Craig Haydon who will be a designing engineer, Henry Hodges who wil be a commercial artist, Joyce Schmidt who will be a telephone operator, James Spaw who wil be a construction engineer, Donnie Martin who will be a mechanic, Harriet Palmer who will be an interior decorator and Leon Miears who will be a rancher.

Of course, there are some people who really won't amount to much like Richard Wolfe who will only be a millionaire and have a Cadillac and a Jaguar to match each of his 300 suits; Nancy Ramm who will marry a millionaire and travel all over the world and eat every kind of food there is; and Raymond Bohls and Jerry Marx who will be such successful businessmen that they will have plenty of time off to go fishing.

There are a few other things that some Bakerites will do: Clarence Pruitt will make McCallum's basketball team, Jerry Scarborough will be the friendliest enemy in the world, Margaret Laybourn will be an Old Maid (don't quote us), Nelda Mangham will see every state in the union before she's 21 (I don't see anything wrong with the biggest and bestest), Bennie Miller will stay out of trouble (at least for a while), Gayle Parr will see Hawaii and France, Thomas Flowers will become president of the I.F.F.L. (International Federation of Free Loaders), Sherry Bailey will grow to be 5' tall, and Martha Sherrill will make a complete collection of diamond rings set in platinum (fat chance).

Last, but certainly not least, Arthur Chester will (and I quote) "never imagine himself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what he was or might have been was not otherwise than what he had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise." (Thanks to Mr. Lewis Carroll.) (End quote.)

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9TH GRADE VACATION PLANS UNDERWAY

What will you be doing this summer? Going swimming? Going on a trip? Going to spend leisure hours at your favorite soda fountain? Or are you just going to lounge at home? The following students seem to be well occupied:

Margie Johnson—will go to Miami, Florida to swim and visit jazz bands. (Wonder if she has an extra ticket.)

John Beard—Is going to a camp meeting at Camp Ben McCullough. (Should be fun.)

Dean Franks—will spend her time at Lake Charles, Louisiana visiting relatives.

Bertha Ingram—is going to Corpus Christi for a long swim in the Gulf of Mexico. (And we mean long.)

Ann Cavett—plans to go to the Carlsbad Cavern. (Lucky girl, eh?)

Victor Mokry—is going to swim and sleep all day long. (Not in the water.)

No matter what you will be doing on your vacation we hope that you will have loads of fun.

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NINTH GRADERS SAY FAREWELL

Ah, sweet sorrow. This phrase seems to fit our present ninth graders for the time has come to leave dear ole Baker.

I learned as I scouted about that not all want to leave, so there are two different groups—"The Can't Hardly Wait Club" and the "I don't Wanna Club."

Here are some of our seniors opinions of leaving.

Janelle Cain "Baker's nice and I hate to leave it."

Al Schaffer—"I'm glad that I'm finally getting out."

Liz Schwab "Boo Hoo."

Charles Arnold—"I don't like to go."

LaWanda Thurman—"I feel like I'm losing an old friend."

Wiley Wyman—Baker is like my home and I don't want to leave."

Joyce Berry—"I'm looking forward to next year, but I have enjoyed this school year.

David Melber—"It won't be bad going to McCallum, but I don't exactly rejoice."

Carol Wycoff—My plans are to get a steady boyfriend. (Good Luck.) And I want to make new friends as well as the ones I have.

Virginia Wann—"Regrets that there aren't enough cute boys but everything else is just fine."

Here are some of our plans for next year:

Sherry Bailey—My plans at McCallum are to make friends and be happy.

Johnny Sherrill—I am going to make a lot of friends and try to get in the dramatic club.

WE HATE TO SEE YOU LEAVE

By Charlotte Currier and Dee Dee Williams

Say kids, have you given it a thought about the ninth grade leaving? I suppose many of you have been thinking about this for quite a bit because some of us will be having our best friends leaving us. Here are a few opinions of some of the seventh and eighthers.

DONNIE TEW—says we are losing some mighty good people.

LAMAR ANDERSON—he does not like it, but he says it gives them a better chance with the girls.

CAROL MOORE—"I don't want them to leave, especially one particular boy."

BETTY GREEN—"I hate to see them go."

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3. Eyes—Wanda Thurman
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5. Nose—Liz Schwab
6. Mouth—Charlotte White
7. Teeth—Carol Wycoff
8. Smile—Nancy Ramm
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— *Personalities* —

Our Ninth grade personalities this month are Lawanda Thurman and Johnny Sherrill.

9th GRADE GIRL PERSONALITY

By Nancy Ramm

Wow! Some gal! Who are we talking about? Well, now I'll just tell ya. That gal we're talking about is our ninth grade personality for this month, Lawanda Thurman. Now I'll give you a few of her vital statistics. She is 5' 5" tall, weighs 100 pounds, and has blue eyes and brown hair. She likes swimming, Mexican food, the song "Wanted", and Eddie Fisher. She also favors the colors green, white, and blue, and is partial to gym and Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Walden. When you ask her what she thinks of Baker, she'll nearly always reply, "Oh I love it!" And boys, here's the best news of all, she doesn't like any special boy. By the way, her phone number is 53-1106.

9th GRADE BOY PERSONALITY

Into our personality spotlight steps 134 lbs. of Johnny Sherrill. This brown hair and brown eyed boy just loves fried chicken. All of his 5' 5½" are packed with love for baseball, Dragnet, and Western Cavalcade.

Johnny came into the world 14 years ago, October 18, 1939. Before coming to Baker he attended Rosedale for 6 years. Some of his favorites are: color—blue; teachers—Miss Cole and Mrs. Conradt; classes—speech and gym; song—"Make Love to Me" by Patti Page. Sorry girls his attention is drawn towards Barbara Grice.

BAKER HAS ONE LESS BACHELOR

Mr. Dale McLemore gave up his freedom on Thursday when he married Miss Pat Reaves, graduate of Austin High and senior of the University of Texas. Mr. McLemore who teaches 7th, 8th, and 9th grade social studies and sponsors chess and gymnastic clubs is a graduate of the University of Texas. The students and faculty of Baker certainly wish he and his bride all the happiness in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

At this time, most students are thinking of long lazy summer months. But did you know that in England, instead of having one three-month vacation, they get three one-month vacations. One is at Easter, one at Christmas, and one is in the summer. Would you rather have three one-month vacations, or one three-month one?

THE SPONSOR SPEAKS

My first year with the paper has been a real experience in cooperation, learning, and pleasant association. I believe I speak for the staff when I express a sincere thanks to the student body for your support and help. THE ROCKET is really yours; the staff as a group has worked hard to highlight your activities and interpret them to your community in a form that you can be proud of and to prepare a yearbook that you will cherish. Surely none of our efforts have been perfect, but future staffs face a real challenge in making a comparable progress.

PERFECT BOY FOR 9TH GRADE

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There's good eating ahead

with Butter Krust Bread!

Enjoying those good ol' summer days after a game of tennis are (left to right) Martha Smith, Carolyn Crider, Nancy Dement, and Carol Wycoff.

GIRLS P. E.

With Cecille Stagner's team coming in for first place, Helen Herrin's second, and Carol Wyckoff's third, thus does girls' basketball season end.

Now it's softball. With plenty of rule study and warmup practices behind them the girls have started their softball tournaments. Before going home in the afternoons, why don't you stay and see the games? They're loads of fun, I assure you.

JUNIOR LEAGUERS END ACTIVITY

Two playoff games told the story of the City Recreation Department's Junior League this week. All the games were played at University Junior High Gym. The Allan Golds and the O. Henry Ponies wound up in a tie and met in a playoff game for the National League Championship which the Ponies won 26 to 25 in the last 30 seconds of the game.

The University Eagles won the Championship in the American League with 12 wins and 0 losses. The two teams met Friday for the Championship and the University Eagles won 69 to 31.

Jerry Heath led both Baker teams and the American League with 122 points in ten games.

TRACK MEET

The city wide junior high track meet was held April 22, 23, 28, and 29, 1954. The six junior highs of Austin participated. Last year winner of the track meet was University Junior High. Baker won the fifteen year division in last year's track meet.

At the starting of track the possibilities for broad-jumping were Don Fincher, Jimmy Kanetzky, Wiley Wyman, Alfred Baker, Don Renner, Jerry Marx, Virgil Weise, Mauritz Soderlund, Bill Hamilton, and Roger Wilkinson. In running there are Delbert Moberg, Don Fincher, Jimmy Kanetzky, Jerry Marx, David Bryant, Alfred Baker, Virgle Weise, Tommy Sherrill, E. C. Mowdy, and Wayne Fickle.

In high jumping we have David Melber, Roger Wilkinson, Sam Olguin, Jerry Marx, Jimmy Kanetzky, Don Renner, Jerry Marx, Wayne Fickle, and Virgil Weise.

CLASS WILL

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Claryce Smith, who needs it the most.

Martha Smith—The honor of being Valentine Sweetheart to Mary Sue Schwartz.

James Spaw—Some brains to Bobby Allison.

Cecille Stagner—My place as drum major and my sports ability to Brucie Cavett.

Laneta Stefka—My big mouth to Emily Ann Ford.

LaWanda Thurman—My ability to get into trouble to Mary Lynn Steger.

Betty Voight—My hair to Darlene Dailey.

Irene Wagner—My red hair to a future ninth grader.

Virginia Wann—To my sister, Patsy Ruth Wann, my love for horses.

Elray Wiese—My math books to Mr. Pine.

Charlotte White—My taps to someone in the eighth grade.

Barbara Wilder—I leave my sister something to accomplish that I didn't.

Roger Wilkinson—My basketball ability to Ernest McCarver.

Richard Wolfe—My job of being manager to anyone.

Carol Wycoff—My ability to pop off in Mr. Pine's class to Janice Kuhn.

Wiley Wyman—My job as student council president to Willie Thurman.

Alta Young—My quietness to anyone who needs it.

Bill Young—The ability to beat up Johnny Sherrill and John Thompson to Joe Prewitt.

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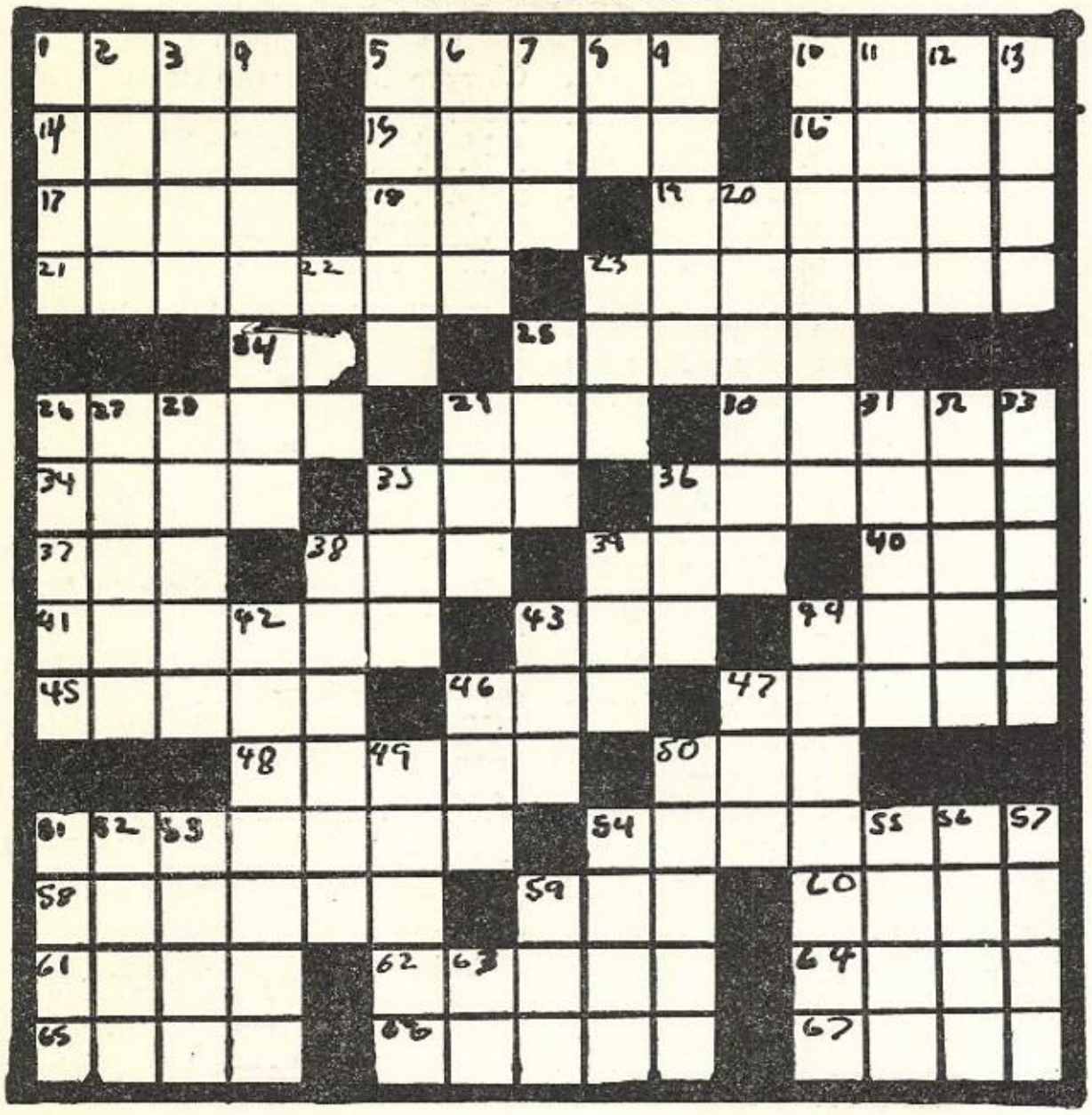

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1. Flaps
5. Begin
10. Long room in a house
14. Range
15. Weird
16. Same as 52-down
17. Boat dock
18. Rodent
19. Assists
21. Inside horror
23. An ecclesiastic of high rank
24. A human limb
25. Glue
26. Nickname for Patricia
29. Saloon
30. Church instrument
34. Aluminum sulfate
35. Can metal
36. Man's name
37. Nothing
38. A wrongdoing
39. Owns
40. Malt beverage
41. Ousts
43. To crumple
44. American Reserve Eagles' Detachment (abbr.)
45. One sick of leprosy
46. Devour
47. Winter vehicles on runners
48. Dens
50. To implore
51. Gluing
54. Showed off
58. A trip taken to do a favor
59. Pod vegetable
60. .....Francis, 6' 9" basketball player
61. Fibber
62. Abraham's son
64. Tall bamboo-like grass
65. Februarys (abbr.)
66. What you go down in a theater
61. Peter....., cartoonist

DOWN:

1. Raps
2. Solo in an opera
3. Part of the verb "to be"
4. What students think teachers have plenty of
5. Vaccine
6. Group of players
7. Skill
8. Rhode Island (abbr.)
9. Weeping (noun)
10. Those who cure
11. Same as 2-down
12. Rhythmical cadence
13. .....Majesty, a crime against royalty (French)
20. What the President does to bills he doesn't like
22. Attempt
23. Average
25. Cooking untensil
26. Sliding cover
27. Living
28. A flower
29. Storage container
31. Bright light
32. Grew sick
33. Requires
35. It is (poetic)
36. Young boy
38. Effort
39. Head cover
42. Basements
43. Existed
44. Mr. Pine's hardest subject
46. Unit of energy
47. Perceive
49. Asian country
50. Support
51. The "I"
52. One of the Great Lakes
53. Arabian native
54. To ring
55. Never (poetic)
56. Level
57. A dope
59. Fathers
63. "Yes" (in Spanish)

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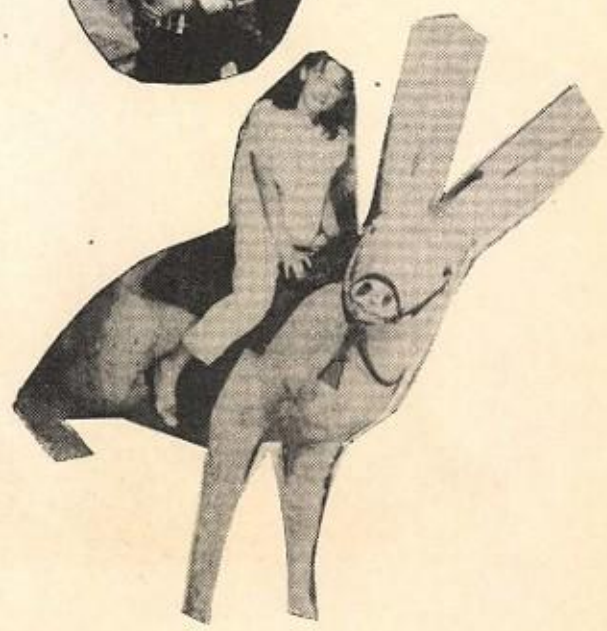

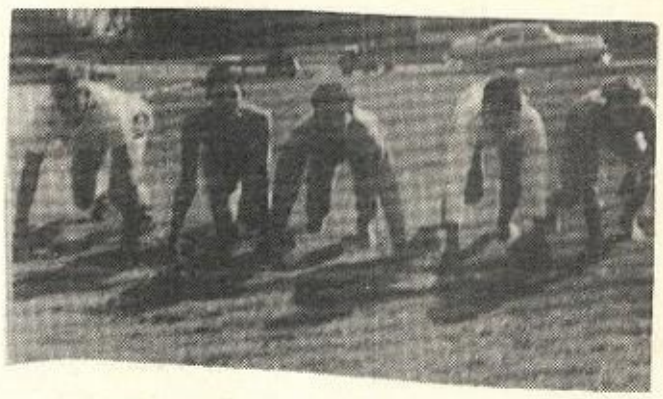

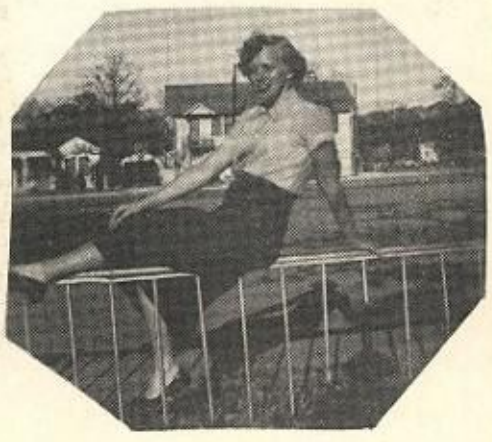

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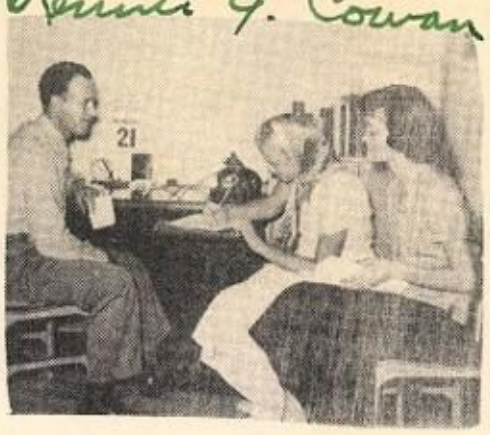

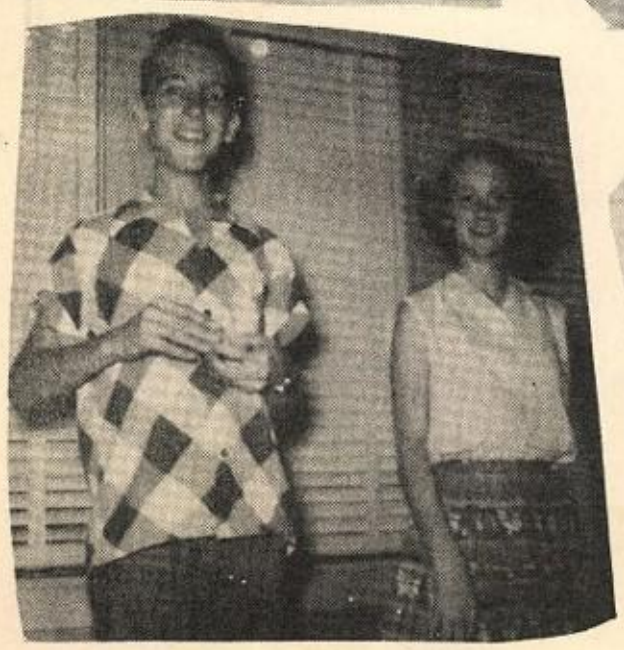

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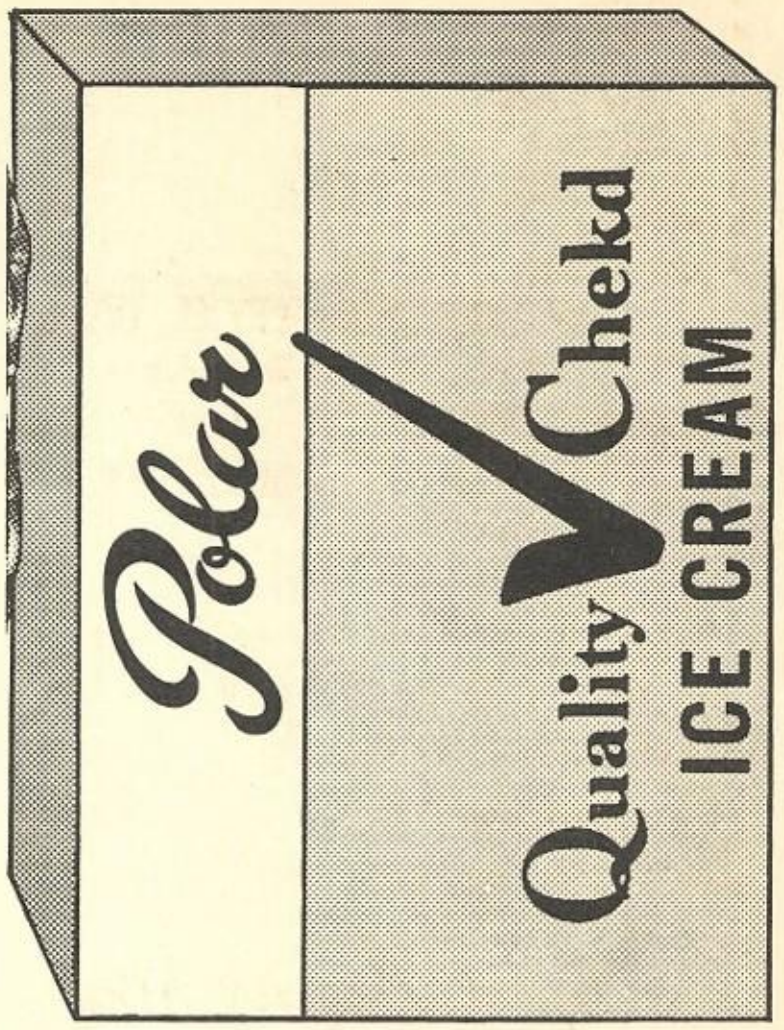

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